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President's Message

Dear Members:

The winter season is upon us and the CBCs are over for another year. The counts are always fun. If I am in town, I do the Evanston-Northshore Count which is an urban count. My group's territory is largely along the Lake Michigan shore. Each year a small group of dedicated folks gather from far and wide for the count. This year we welcomed some new blood. There is usually a surprise or two. This year it was a flock of Snow Buntings and a singleton Sandhill Crane belatedly heading south.

Two years ago I joined a group in Puerto Penasco, Mexico 60 miles south of the Arizona border. Almost everyone I met was American. Sadly no Mexicans. This December I was in the Yucatan. I missed their count, but did link up with a local guide. He was great and very professional. He is one of a growing number of locals who make their living as birding guides.

The guide's name was Luis. He appeared promptly at 5 a.m. the first morning sporting a Delmarva Ornithological Society cap. This was not the only sign of collaboration between American and Mexican birding interests. Two days later we birded the Sian Ka'an Biosphere. At the north end of this huge coastal preserve there is a very pretty Mayan ruin called Muyil. Muyil sits behind a Mangrove forest through which threads a well maintained board walk. The site map lists the Houston Audubon Society as a partner.

Over the past year I have received several enquiries from Mexican bird conservation groups asking whether IOS would be willing to contribute funds toward preserving habitat used by migrating shorebirds. The IOS budget is too small to support such efforts. However, they deserve our support. Take my experience in the Yucatan. Seventy of the 180 species I saw are on the Illinois list and most were wintering migrants.

My question to you our membership is whether we should circulate future funding appeals? If there is interest, IOS could gather donations to contribute to worthy causes connected to our birds.

On the subject of supporting conservation efforts and closer to home, the IOS Annual Meeting this year will be held in conjunction with the Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois during the weekend of April 25-27 at Giant City State Park. This is a great opportunity to see southern specialties like Mississippi Kite, Black Vulture, Fish Crow, Prairie Warbler and Chuck-wills-widow, and to support the Cache River Biosphere Reserve. Hope to see you there. For more information go to http://www.illinoisbirds.org/2008_ios_annual_meeting.html.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

Southern Illinois in April – it's where to be!

Those IOS members living in southern Illinois might say ho hum, but folks living farther north, listen to this: Singing Worm-eating Warblers along the roads winding through Trail of Tears State Forest. Lots of them, and close-up views if you wait patiently. Kentucky Warblers giving their churry churry calls from within the woods. And the mellifluous ta-weet-a-weet-a-weet-eo of the Hooded Warbler.

Pileated Woodpeckers calling from the bottomland swamps – flashing their large black and white wings as they fly from one pecking hole to the next. Could that have been an Ivory-billed?

Prothonotary Warblers singing everywhere in the bootomlands – flashes of gold darting in and among the greenry.

Red-shouldered Hawks giving their kleeyurs overhead – a scan of the binoculars and it's in your field of view.

It's time to celebrate southern Illinois and springtime birding in our great state, folks. And the best way to do that, is to get yourself to the IOS Annual Meeting, held jointly with the Southernmost Annual Birding Blitz and Southernmost Illinois Birding Festival. How can you resist? So many great birds, and birders to lead you directly to your coveted species.

And the landscape is alive with spring wildfowers such as trillium, as well as blooming shrubs including the flowering dogwood and redbud.

When I was first introduced to southern Illinois and birding, I was amazed and enthralled. It felt as if I were in another state, Louisiana perhaps. Every time I go there to bird, I get that same feeling. I hope to see you all in southern Illinois the last weekend in April to celebrate spring and IOS's 16th anniversary of its founding.

Sheryl DeVore

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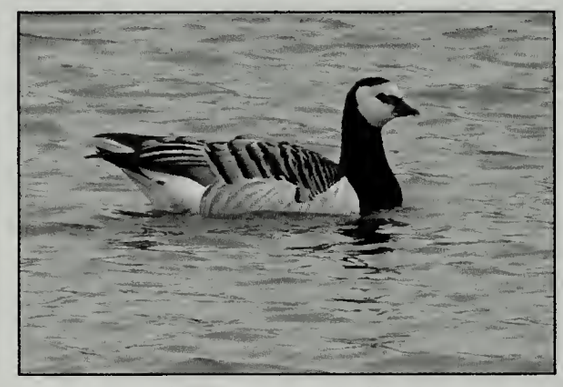
A Barnacle Goose in LaSalle County
with a discussion on provenance of North American and Illinois records

by Michael L. P. Retter

Editor's Note: Richardson's [Cackling] Goose to which the author refers in this article is known to Illinois birders as the "Richardson's" race of the Cackling Goose.



Barnacle Goose, LaSalle County. 6 November 2006. Photo by Peter S. Weber.

On 1 November 2006 Doug Stotz noticed a large concentration of geese on a borrow pit at the intersection of I-39 and IL-71 in western LaSalle County. Further scrutiny revealed the composition of the flock: 850 Richardson's [Cackling] Geese (*Branta h. hutchinsii*), one immature Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*), and one adult Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*). Doug made a phone call and had the bird's location promptly posted to IBET, the Illinois birding listserve.

The LaSalle County bird was automatically assumed by many to be an escapee, but I had always been skeptical that all such records should be summarily discounted. I have often wondered why Eurasian Wigeon and other species are readily accepted as wild while Barnacle Geese are not. The next day I chased the bird unsuccessfully. Another attempt the following dawn with Matthew Winks proved fruitful. Not only did we find the Barnacle Goose, but we also discovered a bird that appeared to be a Barnacle X Richardson's Goose hybrid. I was able to get photos of the Barnacle but not the hybrid. Frustratingly, as the overall numbers of geese at the location decreased, the hybrid was never seen again; however, the Barnacle Goose was seen and photographed well by dozens of birders through 7 November 2006. Was the goose a real vagrant or an escapee? We will probably never know for certain, but there are good reasons to consider wild provenance for this bird. I shall outline them below after first providing some background information.

Barnacle Geese are notorious within North American birding circles. They are long-distance migrants that breed in Greenland, so the species is a perfect candidate for natural vagrancy. Unfortunately, they have also been popular with waterfowl collectors. As the New York Records Committee put very succinctly, "The dilemma for any committee is how to know whether a specific individual represents an [escapee] or a genuine vagrant" (http://www.nybirds.org/NYSARC/Reports/NYSARC 2000.html).

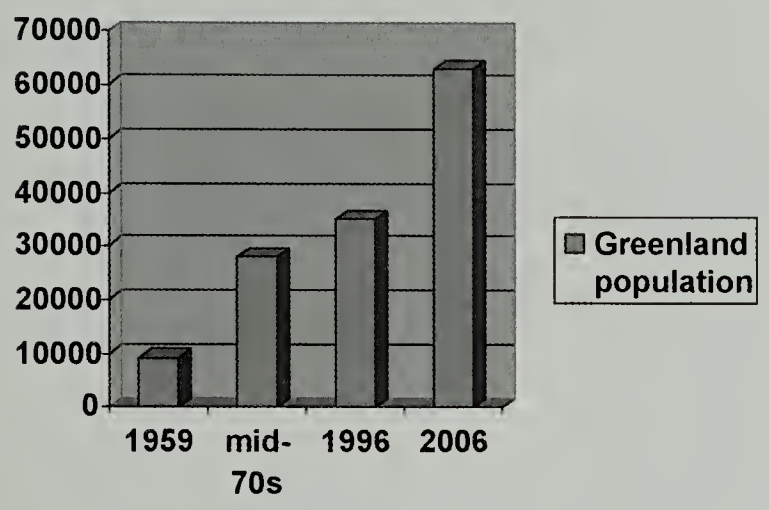
Breeding and Migration Status

The Barnacle Goose is a European high Arctic breeder. Three main populations exist. The one breeding in eastern Greenland (from which one might speculate the Illinois bird originated) winters in western Scotland and Ireland. Another breeding on Svalbard (north of Norway) winters on the east coast of Scotland. The most westerly population breeds on Russia's Novaya Zemlya islands and winters in the Netherlands. Since 1975, some former Novaya Zemlya/ Netherlands birds started to establish a fourth breeding population in the Baltic Sea.

Richardson's Goose (*Branta h. hutchinsii*) breeds in north-central Arctic Canada from the Northwest Territories across Nunavut and Baffin Island to western Greenland. The breeding population in Greenland is relatively new (Fox et al. 1996; Banks et al. 2004) and has much expanded since 1996. Data from banded Richardson's Geese collected by the Canadian Wildlife Service (http://www.ofo.ca/cackling/) indicate that Illinois is directly within the migratory path and wintering range of individuals that breed on Baffin Island (only 200 miles from and the probable origin of the new Greenland population): they primarily use the Mississippi Flyway. Birds that breed further west (sueh as on Southampton Island and in mainland Nunavut) almost exclusively use the Central (Great Plains) Flyway. Thus, it would seem that most of the Richardson's Geese we see in Illinois breed in the easternmost reaches of the Canadian Arctic and Greenland.

Both Barnacle and Richardson's Geese are experiencing population surges, colonizing new areas in which to breed every year. The Greenland population of Barnacle Goose was estimated at 9,000 birds in 1959, 28,000 in the mid-70s, 33,000 in 2002, and 63,000 by 2006 (Mlodinow & O'Brien 1996, http://www.wwt.org.uk/Research/Monitoring/greenlandbarnacle_latest.asp). The population experienced a sevenfold increase in less than fifty years and doubled in only the last eight. Given the current melting of the Greenland ice sheet, the breed-

ing ranges of Barnacle and Richardson's Geese may well overlap in the not-too-distant future. Illinois birders will probably remember the impact that a burgeoning population can have on vagrancy. Illinois's second record of Ross's Goose was in 1980 (Bohlen 1989). Now they are readily found by the dozen across downstate Illinois.



Hybrids

A thorough comparison of positively identified online photos to sketches of the LaSalle Co. hybrid confirmed that it was indeed a *B. leucopsis X hutchinsii* hybrid. We are therefore left with two likely possibilities: either the Barnacle escaped and followed the Richardson's north to breed with one of them and returned south, or it came with them as a genuine vagrant from Greenland. Either way, natural hybridization is not unlikely, as these two taxa are closely related. Barnacle Goose's close relationship with *B. hutchinsii* was one of the reasons Canada Goose sensu lato was split in 2004. Richardson's Goose and Barnacle Goose are more closely related to each other than either is to Canada Goose (*B. canadensis*) sensu stricto (Banks et al. 2004).

The LaSalle Co. hybrid is not the first observed of this combination, either. A mated pair comprising a Barnacle and a Richardson's accompanied by two hybrid offspring was present in Connecticut from 22 Nov 1984 through 10 Jan 1985. Like the Illinois birds, they were believed to have migrated at least 2,000 miles together (Szantyr 1985). A 1985 report from the New York Records Committee describes another record of an adult with two hybrid immatures 11-15 March 1985. It also notes that there are 12 prior records of Barnacle Goose in New York. Though it would seem that records committees have been accepting birds for years, most had refrained until recently (http://www.nybirds.org/NYSARC/Reports/NYSARC1985-86.html).

Patterns of Occurrence

Widespread invasions of Barnacle Goose occurred across the East in winters 2001-02 and 03-04. Dinsmore and Silcock (2004) noted that, "As [Cackling and Canada Goose] populations also increase, several 'vagrant' taxa – Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, and Greenland Greater White-fronted Goose – have also been detected more frequently. The proliferation of Barnacle Goose records in the East continued this spring, with reports from Quebec (two), Massachusetts, New York, and Maryland." As I type this in October 2007, two more have just been noted in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

I have tried to compile the official status of Barnacle Goose in eastern North America. Attempting to locate this information on poorly-kept Web pages was not easy, and there are undoubtedly some errors. Due to our new understanding of the pattern with which these birds appear, a sea change is occurring with regards to how Barnacle Goose records are treated. New Jersey, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Newfoundland, Ontario, Maine*, Maryland*, and Connecticut* all have accepted records. Asterisks denote an "origin uncertain" or other similar category on the state list. States not included either have no accepted records or no information available.

The Massachusetts Committee accepted six records between 2001 and 2004, all of them between December and April; they concluded that "While captive origin is always a possibility for reports of this species, these reports seem to fit into a pattern of sightings that suggest[s] that vagrancy was the likely explanation" (http://massbird.org/MARC/MARCreport8.htm).

Connecticut also started accepting records, and its Committee's comments are worth noting.

> [T]he "old school" common logic was to be better safe than sorry and reject this easily identified bird, nearly out of hand, simply because the committee could not be sure that any individual was truly wild. Why then are we accepting this individual to the official state list?
>
> The evidence: The bird appeared wild, was unbanded[,] and had all its toes intact.
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> The bird occurred at the proper time for its species to be migrating ... The goose was in the company of ... birds that had been neck-banded ... in or near Greenland ...
>
> [The number] of Barnacle Geese in captivity has probably been declining through the past decade, a consequence of economic and legislative factors.
>
> When the bird has been properly identified and the preponderance of the evidence seems to indicate a wild origin and there is little or no evidence to the contrary, we believe it is responsible to accept the record under our voting category, Accept – Origin Uncertain. Species accepted under this category are fully accepted onto the state list and enjoy the same status as any other bona fide vagrant. We believe that the disclaimer simply reflects the truth in a situation that is essentially unknowable."
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> (http://www.ctbirding.org/eleventh_arcc_report.htm)

An immature from 3-29 Nov 2001 in New Brunswick was, "unanimously accepted... The fact that this bird was a wary immature accompanying Canada Goose migrants from the north increased the possibility of its wild origin" (http://homepage.mac.com/maryspt/BRCreports/NBBRC2004.html).

The best supporting evidence for wild origin of many records comes in the form of wild, banded Barnacle Geese shot in North America. One of a pair of Barnacle Geese shot in Newfoundland in the fall of 1981 was banded on the breeding grounds on Spitsbergen [Svalbard] in 1977. Profoundly more interesting to Illinois birders is the record of a juvenile bird banded on the wintering grounds in western Scotland in 2004 (and thus, a Greenland breeder). It was shot in Ontario in fall 2005. (http://www.refugenet.org/birding/marSBC06.html#TOC02) This bird was following the same migration route that many of Illinois's Richardson's Geese follow every fall. There are also historic records of Barnacle Geese being shot in North Carolina, Maryland, and New Jersey from before and during the turn of the 20th century.

Illinois Records

late Oct 1998	Winnebago Co.
1-7 Nov 2006	LaSalle Co.
7 Nov 2003	Cook Co.
8 Dec 1968 (a pair)	DuPage Co.
22 Dec 1961	Williamson Co.
30 Dec 1987-Feb 1988	Vermilion Co.
31 Dec 1988	Lake Co.
winter 1988-1989	Cook Co. (same as previous bird?)
3 Jan 1981	Union Co.
1-30 Jan 1983	Winnebago Co.
7 April 1986	St. Clair Co.
3 May 1981	Madison Co.

Of over 130 records in North America, all but four occur between late September and early May. Most occur from late October into mid-March. (Mlodinow & O'Brien 1996). All of the Illinois records I located fit into the October-May window, though the May record may be suspect. However, consider the occurrence of wild Snow, Ross's, and Richardson's Geese routinely found on Spring Bird Counts. As for the others, this pattern of temporal occurrence surely supports a wild origin for some if not all. The pattern seems little different than that of other accepted vagrant waterfowl in this region, like Eurasian Wigeon and Brant. It's worth noting that the 1983 Winnebago Co. bird arrived with a flock of Richardson's Geese, just like the La Salle Co. bird. Similar data on the other birds was not available since *B. hutchinsii* was not split from *B. canadensis* until 2004.

More on the LaSalle Co. Bird

Weather conditions also seem to have been favorable for the occurrence of a genuine vagrant in LaSalle County. A series of slow-moving, back-to-back low pressure systems over southeastern Canada created persistent easterly winds over upper Quebec and Baffin Island for most of 18-25 October. On 29 October a particularly strong and windy system again passed over southern Quebec, producing strong easterly winds to its north. Finally, another low passed over Wisconsin on 31 Oct, sending winds whipping around counterclockwise from Hudson Bay, and the associated cold front passed through northern Illinois. The LaSalle Co. bird was found the next day.

It was scrutinized and photographed by dozens of people over its weeklong stay, and never was a band or missing toe noted.

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It is my hope that the information presented here will convince people to take another look at Midwestern Barnacle Goose records. Most records certainly seem to fit a pattern of natural vagrancy, but we simply cannot know the true origin of most birds. Perhaps the best answer is to employ a system such as Connecticut's, an "Origin Uncertain" category for state lists. This tool allows committees to accept that we simply cannot know the origin of many birds conclusively, while at the same acknowledging that there is also no evidence against wild provenance.

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Birding little-known spots in Jackson County

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Pomona-Cave Creek Valley, Giant City State Park, and the Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir are recognized birding spots in Jackson County, located in southernmost Illinois. These places are considered sure things when it comes to spring migrating warblers and certain other bird species. They have a documented species history. Birding success at any of these locations is quite predictable.

Many lesser-known but equally rich birding areas exist in Jackson County, places that offer a variety of birding opportunities depending on the season. In Jackson County, the Southern Till Plain, the Shawnee Hills, the Ozarks, and the Lower Mississippi River Bottomlands come together. The county is bisected by the Big Muddy River and bounded on the west by the mighty Mississippi. Nearly one-third of the county falls within the Shawnee National Forest boundary.

Birdable public lands in Jackson County include Little Grand Canyon Ecological Area and Recreation Site, Pomona Natural Bridge and Picnic Area, and Clear Springs Recreation Site which are all under U.S. Forest Service management (Shawnee Forest Service Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District). State-owned lands in the county include Piney Creek Ravine, Lovets Pond, Fern Rock Nature Preserve, Giant City State Park, Lake Murphysboro State Park, Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and Glen Schlimpert Recreation Area.

Devil's Backbone Park in Grand Tower provides access to the Mississippi River. Carbondale's Reservoir Lake, Cedar Lake Dam Picnic Area, and Southeast Water Treatment Plant offer most of the county's best waterfowl viewing with

Need a Red-headed Woodpecker on the Birding Blitz in April? Rhonda Monroe Rothrock tells you where to find one in this article. Mary Kay Rubey took this photo 31 July 2005 in Whiteside County.

the latter being nearly the only open water during unusually cold winters. Murphysboro's Riverside Park lies on the banks of the Big Muddy River and is a place where the canoeing birder can put in for a trip south through Red-headed Woodpecker land to Oakwood Bottoms.

In northeast Jackson County is Consolidated Coal Company's Burning Star #5 reclaimed surface coal mine. These 8,400 acres of grasslands, farm fields, ponds, and lakes are now being managed for wildlife. The lakes attract migrating waterfowl species including Trumpeter Swans. Its grasslands and scrub/shrub habitats attract Bell's Vireos and Short-eared Owls "in season." Birding is allowed on the property only with prearranged permission but several roads skirt the property offering roadside birding along its perimeter.

Here are two of my favorite off-the-beaten path places to bird in Jackson County.

Mississippi Bluffs Birding Trail

Northwest of Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, nestled in Shawnee Forest Service's Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District, is one of the many obscure but fruitful birding trails in Jackson County. The area and its trail doesn't have a formal name, rather it's a little-used Forest Service road. In a hike of approximately 0.35 mile (one way) along this Forest Service road trail, the adventurous birder will experience a wooded creek bottom, lowland and upland deciduous woodlands, pine stands, and a large open wildlife food plot.

To get there, from Ava take IL Highway 151 south 0.6 miles to Little Kinkaid Road. Follow Little Kinkaid Road west approximately 1.75 miles to McClure Road. Take McClure Road south until it meets a concrete and grated bridge. Park along the road side. Across the bridge is the forest service road/trail.

Barred Owls and Whip-poor-wills will sound their greetings to those who arrive just prior to sunrise in spring and summer. The spring

Northern Parulas will be singing their rising high-pitched songs in Jackson County during the IOS Annual Meeting the end of April. Emil Martinec took this photo of a Northern Parula at Montrose, Cook County, 20 May2006.

songbird cacophony starts at the bridge at about the same time. Here Little Kinkaid Creek, a tributary of Kinkaid Creek, provides a respite for migrating warbler and thrush species and a summer home for Louisiana Waterthrush and Prothonotary Warblers. Immediately across the bridge the trail turns south and starts its slow climb up through a wet woodland leaving Little Kinkaid Creek but meeting up with and paralleling one of it's tributaries. A pasture grown over into young woods borders to the west. Spring wildflowers abound; larkspur, yellow dogtooth violet, and wake robin to name a few. Along this rising trail birders will encounter migratory Tennessee and Black-and-white Warblers as well as breeding, Prothonorary Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Ovenbird, American Redstart, and the resident Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, and Downy, Hairy, and Red-bellied Woodpeckers.

The trail splits at approximately 275 yards. Although an enticing stand of pines looms to the west, it's the trail to the southeast (left) that leads up to the wildlife opening. Both Summer and Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Northern Parula can be seen and heard in spring and summer along the trail as it bends to the east. A part of the trail here shows telltale signs of a homestead where daylilies struggle under the now closed canopy.

As the trail gets closer to the wildlife opening more species make their presence known. In spring and summer, Yellow-throated and Black-throated Green Warblers and Red-eyed and Warbling Vireos join the Carolina Wrens, Pileated Woodpeckers, and other year-round residents associated with forest edge.

The 22-acre wildlife opening at the end of the wooded trail is a combination of grassy and scrub/shrub habitat, depending on when the Forest Service last control-burned the area. Tall pines that appear to have been planted as part of the 1940s Civilian Conservation Corps forestry project encircle it. Here can be found Prairie, Pine, Palm, Yellow, Blue-winged, and Chestnut-sided Warblers in spring and summer, along with Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-breasted Chat, Eastern Towhee and Field and Song Sparrows. Blackberry brambles hide catbirds and Brown Thrashers. Wild Turkey and Cooper's Hawk use this area as well. Because Kinkaid Lake is less than three miles southeast as the crow flies; heron, egrets, waterfowl, and Fish Crows occasionally cross overhead.

This trail might not appeal to all birders but those looking for a more secluded birding hike should give it serious consideration. The time spent on this trail will vary with birding success but expect to spend an hour plus hiking the trail's length and back. Be mindful of the mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, and venomous snakes (timber rattlesnakes and copperheads) found here and throughout southernmost Illinois.

Wilkinson Island

In addition to the aforementioned public lands, a relatively new national wildlife refuge has opened on the western side of Jackson County. The Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge Wilkinson Island Division was designated in 2000. Wilkinson Island, nestled between the Mississippi River and the Mississippi River Levee Road, was created as a result of the 1993 Mississippi River flood. The 2500+ acres of floodplain were acquired from folks who decided that it was no longer worth their efforts to farm the land.

The 1993 flood broke through a historical agriculture levee on the river side of the acreage carving out (blowing out) the ground behind the ag levee. The force of the water formed several "blow hole" impressions that held water. After the flood, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reinforced the agricultural levee to prevent future erosion but left open sections for water to escape into during higher river water stages.

The office for the Middle Mississippi NWR is located off site at 1293 Rocky Hollow Road in the village of Rockwood. To get to Wilkinson Island take IL Rt. 3 southeast 1.5 miles from Rockwood to the junction of Rt. 3 and Levee Road at the village of Cora. A drive of approximately 5.5 miles south on the Levee Road will take you to the Wilkinson Island. Signage is minimal but USFWS boundary markers define the refuge.

During daylight hours, visitors to Wilkinson Island can hike one of several natural surfaced trails through river-sculpted habitat. The species to be found at Wilkinson Island are those expected at scrub/shrub, bottomland woodlands, and floodplain wetlands. Resident songbirds include Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, and Eastern Towhee. Belted Kingfishers, Wood Duck, and various wading species inhabit the blow holes. Blue Grosbeak and Yellow-breasted Chat nest here. The area begs further exploration during spring warbler

Yellow-billed Cuckoos sing their varied songs throughout Jackson County in spring and summer, even into the night.

Emil Martinec took this photo of a Yellow-billed Cuckoo in May 2007 in Illinois.

migration. The Mississippi River can be accessed from one of several spots at Wilkinson Island and adds migrating gulls and American White Pelicans to the list of species found here.

The Levee Road, which serves as the refuge's boundary, offers a scenic view of the refuge to the south and rural flatlands to the north. It also provides for elevated birding, increasing both the visual and audio possibilities. Depending on the season, birding from Levee Road can produce Horned Lark, Bobolink, House Wren, Northern Harrier, Fish Crow, Mississippi Kite, and accipiters. Least and Black Terns and shorebirds can be found in the flooded flatlands during springs with heavy rains.

Wilkinson Island is closed from dusk to dawn, but as night falls, birding along Levee Road continues with the seasonal sights and sounds of American Woodcock, numerous Eastern-Screech and Barred Owls, occasional Great Horned and Short-eared Owl, and thousands of migrating waterfowl overhead. And nothing beats the Levee Road view of a full moon rising over the Shawnee Hills.

For more information on areas within the Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs District, including any user fees which may apply, call (618) 687-1731 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/districts/west/

To acquire a map of the new Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge Wilkinson Island Division or to find out more about one of the refuge's other three divisions, call (618) 763-4420 or visit www.fws.gov/midwest/MiddleMississippiRiver/wilkinson_island.html

A brochure mapping-out birding spots along the Mississippi River corridor in the southwestern tip of Illinois is in the works. It will connect locations from Jackson County south to Alexander County, describing a bit of area history, the habitats, and birding possibilities. A checklist for the corridor is being finalized as well.

And always be mindful of any hunting seasons that might coincide with the times and places you choose for birding.

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Editor's Note:

Join IOS at its annual meeting in southern Illinois the last weekend in April, 2008. The meeting will be held jointly with the 2008 Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois. You can use Rhonda's field guide above if you want to participate in a big day, one of the many events planned for this event. More details on the meeting are available on our Web site: www.illinoisbirds.org. Also visit www.birdingblitz.org/.

Belted Kingfishers can sometimes be difficult to find on a big day, but Rhonda Monroe Rothrock tells you in this article a reliable spot to find one in Jackson County.

This photo of the Belted Kingfisher was taken by Emil Martinec 21 October 2006 at North Pond, Chicago, Cook County.

Black-headed Gull at Montrose, Cook County:

first documented record in Illinois in nearly 20 years

By Sheryl DeVore

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Photos by Greg Neise.

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Photo by Carolyn Fields.

One of the most photogenic rare birds in Illinois the winter of 2007 was the seemingly omnipresent adult Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) in basic plumage at Montrose Harbor, Cook County. Listed as casual in the state by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), this species has not been documented in Illinois for nearly 20 years. (See *Meadowlark* Vol 16:59 for the 2007 acceptance in the annual IORC report). The last documented Illinois report I could find of Black-headed Gull, then called Common Black-headed Gull, was 10-22 September 1988 in Alton, Illinois, seen by many observers and another 14-18 October 1988 at Clinton Lake seen by many observers. (see Illinois Birds and Birding 5:46). A Common Black-headed Gull was also reported 4-16 December 1985 and 4 January 1985 at Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area in Madison County (see Illinois Birds and Birding 2:76). In Birds of

Black-headed Gull plumage comparison in 16 days. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

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Photo by Steve Spitzer.

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Photo by Jim Frazier.

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Illinois (1989), David H. Bohlen called the Common Black-headed Gull a very rare vagrant, which had recently colonized North America. He reports other records including one at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge 13 December 1987, and one in Chicago 15 July 1976, another in Chicago 24 October 1981 and another in Chicago 5 May 1982. (See page 85 in his book for a list of records recorded before 1989 in Illinois).

This European gull is slightly larger than a Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*). In alternate plumage, its bill is red, compared with the dark bill of a Bonaparte's. In all plumages of the Black-headed Gull, the undersurface of the primaries is blackish, not so with Bonaparte's.

The 2007 Illinois Black-headed Gull was observed 24 February 2007 through 25 March 2007, giving birders nearly a full month to add it to their life lists. Steve Bailey

14 March 2007.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

12 March 2007.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

22 March 2007.
Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

22 March 2007.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

and I were lucky enough to see the bird in early March before giving a presentation for a birding conference at Northeastern Illinois University. We observed the bird sitting on an ice floe, raising its wings periodically and showing some of its telltale plumage markings. Other birders watched the bird in its buoyant flight, slightly heavier than that of the Bonaparte's.

Illinois photographers took advantage of this great opportunity – documenting the bird as it changed from winter (basic) plumage to pre-alternate plumage, its head gaining more and more of the distinct blackish coloration and its bill turning from dark to reddish (in photos, it appears as if the bill is two-toned red and dark)

Here we present a gallery of photos showing the bird in various poses as it changes its plumage.

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The 2006/2007 Illinois Christmas Bird Count

by Paul Sweet

If the 2006/2007 Illinois CBC season were to be summed up in one word, it would be "warm." Despite an early December snowstorm in the northern part of the state, only one circle reported a high temperature below freezing, and only four more reported highs below 40 degrees F. As a result, half-hardy birds were counted in large numbers – seven circles reported high counts of Great Blue Heron, 10 reported high counts for Carolina Wren, and 11 reported high counts for Eastern Bluebird.

Say's Phoebe at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Newton Christmas Bird Count, Jasper County. 15 December 2006. Photo by Bob Shelby.

Overall, 1,055 field observers in 510 parties and 213 feeder observers contributed nearly 3,900 hours of observation. Fermilab had the most field observers with 102, and Waukegan had the most feeder observers with 70. Rend Lake had the most individual birds reported (1,441,858) as well as the most species (111). Overall, 6 counts reported more than 100 species – all from southern Illinois, as always. Despite the abundance of birds, southern counts don't attract many observers – only Newton (23) and Union County (24) had more than 20 (see Figures 1, 2 and 3). For the entire state, more than 3.79 million individuals of 167 species were reported. A map of the state with count circles is included (See Figure 4).

Ducks Through Hawks

Numbers of Greater White-fronted and Snow Geese were impressive, with high counts of 8,000 (Union Co.) and 7,000 (Horseshoe Lake) Greater White-fronted and 80,000 (Rend Lake) and 74,000 (Carlyle Lake) Snow Geese. Statewide, Snow Geese outnumbered Canada Geese 296,000 to 140,000. Twenty-five species of ducks were reported, including 24 Blue-winged Teal on three counts, two Harlequin Ducks in Chicago, eight Surf and five White-winged Scoters, and a Mottled Duck that reappeared at Springfield. Evanston continued to find large numbers of Greater Scaup (12,617) and Redhead (374). Gray Partridges continue to hang on in the state, with seven being reported on the Freeport count. Common Loons were seen on six counts, two from central Illinois and the rest from southern Illinois, with a high of four on the Crab Orchard count. A remarkable seven Red-throated Loons were seen on the Waukegan count. Illini State Park had a Red-necked Grebe, and there were Eared Grebes seen at Quincy (1) and Crab Orchard (2). Forty-three Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported in 5 counts, including 25 at Calumet. A well-documented (and extraordinary) Osprey at Chautauqua was seen near a new nesting locale. Bald Eagle numbers continue to rise, with 1,666 seen in 46 counts, including every circle in southern Illinois. Solitary Golden Eagles were spotted at Hennepin and Pere Marquette. The only Northern Goshawk was a count week bird at Champaign. Eight Merlin and 5 Peregrine Falcons were reported, all singles except for 2 Peregrines at Calumet.

Rails through Owls

The only Virginia Rail was recorded at Rend Lake. The only Sandhill Cranes were 13 in McHenry. A lone Least Sandpiper was at Rend Lake, and Warbluff Valley had 6 of the 16 American Woodcocks (in 7 counts). New for the state was a 1st winter Laughing Gull spotted and photographed by three different groups on the Waukegan count. Also new for the state was a well-described Forster's Tern at Rend Lake. Six Thayer's Gulls were reported on five counts, all from the Chicago area, while Evanston had the only Iceland Gull, as well as two remarkable Black-legged Kittiwakes. Nine Lesser Black-backed Gulls, including 5 at Carlyle Lake, and 5 Great Black-backed Gulls in 3 counts were notable. In stark contrast, no Glaucous Gulls were

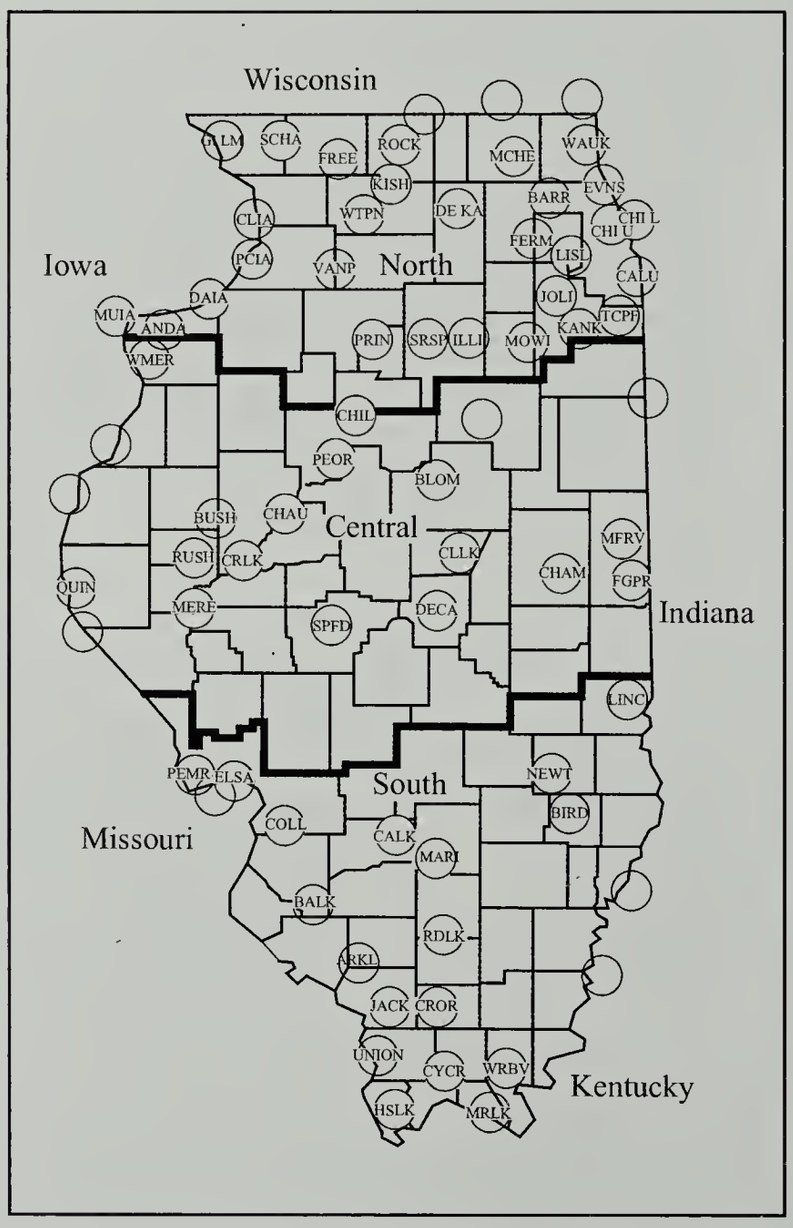
reported in the state this year. Eurasian Collared-Doves were observed on 20 different counts. Calumet reported 163 Monk Parakeets, which were seen on four other counts as well. Barn Owls were reported on 2 counts. The 3 seen at Thorn Creek-Park Forest were likely from the recent releases in DuPage County. One-hundred forty-four Short-eared Owls were reported on 18 counts, with an impressive 43 on the Carlyle Lake count. Ten Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported on 5 counts, including 4 at Carlyle Lake.

Flycatchers through Wrens

An impressive 32 Eastern Phoebes were reported in 9 counts, all but one in southern Illinois. Just to be different, Newton reported (and photographed) a Say's Phoebe instead. Northern Shrikes were seen in typical numbers, with 25 on 11 counts. Twenty-five Loggerhead Shrikes were also reported, on 13 counts, with one at Crane Lake the only one outside of Southern Illinois. Although Red-breasted Nuthatch numbers were not particularly high with 210 reported statewide, they were widespread, with reports from 35 circles. Single House Wrens were at Bird Haven, Collinsville, Mermet Lake, and Union County. Sedge Wrens were reported at Cypress Creek and Union County, while 7 Marsh Wrens were reported on 6 counts, including 1 at Waukegan.

Mimids through Finches

Two Gray Catbirds were reported, one in Champaign, another in Lisle. Twenty-one American Pipits were seen, on 4 southern counts. Notable warblers included a Pine Warbler at Evanston and Common Yellowthroats at Peoria and Union County (2). Horseshoe Lake reported an impressive 310 Yellow-rumped Warblers, while Pine Warbles were reported at four southern Illinois counts in addition to the Evanston bird. A Chipping Sparrow was seen at Champaign, and solitary Lincoln's Sparrows were at Mermet Lake and Horseshoe Lake. Indigo Buntings were reported on 2 counts - 2 at Mermet Lake and 1 at Rend Lake. Solitary



Key to Tables

Code	Description
dd	details desired
ed	excellent details
gd	good details
hc	high count for that circle
HC	all-time High Count
nc	new species to that circle's count
NC	New to the state's Count species list
nd	no details
ps	present for some time
ph	Photographed
qd	questionable details
rn	remarkable number
rr	remarkable record
ud	unconvincing details
boldface	species/number/item of note.

Note: 2006/2007 CBC count circles

The empty circles did not report to the Illinois CBC. Some circles bordering Illinois report to other states.

Editor's Note:

The Kankakee Count Circle on the map to the left is placed erroneously mostly in Will County. It should be located farther south mostly in Kankakee County.

Western Meadowlarks were at Union County and Carlyle Lake. Given the migratory tendencies of Western Meadowlarks in the west, this bird is probably underreported in the winter in Illinois. Sixty Brewer's Blackbirds at Carlyle Lake and 17 at Rend Lake were notable, as were the 1,187, 606 Red-winged Blackbirds at Rend Lake. Only 97 Purple Finches were reported in 23 counts, including 57 at Green Island – Lost Mound, 50 at Andalusia, and 11 at Muscatine – all on the upper Mississippi River. No other count reported more than 6. Still, they were easily the most abundant of the winter finches – 15 Pine Siskins on 8 counts, 2 Common Redpolls at Andalusia, a single Pine Grosbeak at Forest Glen Preserve, and a single Evening Grosbeak at Eastern Knox County rounds out the list! Not a single crossbill of either species was reported on any count.

Figure 1.
Top ten sites for field observers:
all in northern Illinois

Fermilab-Batavia	102
Lisle Arboretum	87
McHenry County	43
Rockford	42
Waukegan	31
Champaign County	28
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	27
Kishwaukee	27
Barrington	26

Figure 2.
Top ten sites for total observers
(includes feeders)

Fermilab-Batavia	104
Waukegan	101
Lisle Arboretum	87
Rockford	47
McHenry County	43
Evanston (north shore)	41
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	40
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	37
Davenport IA	33
Champaign County	32

Figure 3.
Top ten circles for species reported

Jackson County	90
Newton	91
Horseshoe Lake	94
Cypress Creek	99
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	101
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia	102
Carlyle Lake	105
Union County	106
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	107
Rend Lake	111

About the Tables

Following this report are 12 pages of tables. The first four tables show the name of the count circle, the date it was held, temperatures, party hours, compilers and other data that can be used for analysis. The last eight pages of tables contain individual numbers of species seen on each count, with grand totals on the following page. We are working to make the tables easier to read, but as you can tell, they take up quite a great deal of space already. We appreciate your patience.

About the Coding and a Correction

The following codes have been used: cw = count week only, 3 days before or after the actual count date; hc = high count for that circle; HC = all-time high count for the state; US denotes unusual species. Also, please note this correction: The Laughing Gull from Waukegan is actually the third CBC record for the state, although it is a first for northern Illinois, with the previous records having come from Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. Thanks to Vernon Kleen for pointing this out.

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NORTH												
Count Name	Map I.D.	Date	Time		Temp		Sky	Snow	Water	Wind	Wind	Veloc.
			Begin	End	Low	High				Dirn	Low	High
Andalusia	ANDA	12/28/06	4:15 AM	5:00 PM	36.0	51.0	clear; cldy	0.0	open	W	0.0	5.0
Barrington	BARR	12/18/06	4:30 AM	4:15 PM	21.0	37.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open; prtly open	NNW	1.0	4.0
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	CALU	12/30/06	7:00 AM	4:30 PM	45.0	49.0	cldy, rain; cldy	0.0	open	NE	2.0	2.0
Chicago Lakefront	CHIL	12/25/06	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	36.0	45.0	cldy,snow; cldy	0.0	open; open	NNE	5.0	15.0
Chicago Urban	CHIU	12/17/06	4:00 AM	4:00 PM	39.0	53.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	N	5.0	10.0
Clinton IA	CL IA	12/19/06	4:45 AM	5:15 PM	20.0	52.0	clear	0.0	prtly open; open	W	0.0	5.0
Davenport IA	DA IA	12/17/06	4:00 AM	5:15 PM	40.0	53.0	cldy	0.0	open	SW	0.0	5.0
DeKalb	DEKA	12/16/06	12:00 AM	4:15 PM	33.0	51.0	prtly cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	SW	5.0	16.0
Evanston (north shore)	EVNS	12/30/06	6:00 AM	4:00 PM	28.0	45.0	cldy; prtly cldy	0.0	open	unk	unk	unk
Fermilab-Batavia	FERM	12/16/06	3:30 AM	4:30 PM	40.0	48.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	SW	0.0	8.0
Freeport	FREE	12/16/06	5:05 AM	4:30 PM	32.0	52.0	cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	S	10.0	20.0
Green Island/Lost Mound	GILM	12/15/06	4:45 AM	5:15 PM	34.0	45.0	cldy; prtly cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	W	0.0	20.0
Hennepin	HENN	12/16/06	4:45 AM	5:00 PM	35.0	54.0	cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	SE	10.0	15.0
Illini State Park	ILLI	12/17/06	4:45 AM	4:45 PM	45.0	47.0	cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	N	0.0	5.0
Joliet	JOLI	12/16/06	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	31.0	50.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open; open	SW	5.0	20.0
Kankakee	KANK	12/30/06	4:45 AM	5:00 PM	47.0	52.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	NE	0.0	5.0
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/23/06	6:30 AM	5:00 PM	37.0	40.0	cldy; prtly cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	W	16.0	20.0
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	12/17/06	4:30 AM	4:45 PM	41.0	54.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	open, open	UNK	0.0	13.0
McHenry County	MCHE	12/16/06	7:15 AM	4:30 PM	29.0	49.0	cldy	0.0	prtly open, open	CALM	0.0	0.0
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	12/30/06	6:30 AM	4:45 PM	46.0	52.0	cldy, light rain	0.0	open; open	ENE	5.0	5.0
Muscatine IA-IL City	MU IA	12/23/06	5:00 AM	5:00 PM	36.0	42.0	clear; prtly cldy	0.0	open	W	10.0	20.0
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	12/20/06	4:45 AM	5:00 PM	25.0	36.0	cldy, light rain	0.0	prtly open; open	SE	0.0	5.0
Rockford	ROCK	12/16/06	7:00 AM	4:30 PM	36.0	50.0	cldy	0.0	prtly open; open	S	15.0	20.0
Schapville	SCHA	12/14/06	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	37.0	48.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	prtly open; open	NW	10.0	23.0
Starved Rock State Park	SRSP	1/1/07	4:45 AM	5:00 PM	36.0	43.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	open; open	NW	10.0	10.0
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	TCPF	12/31/06	6:50 AM	3:25 PM	37.0	43.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	W	5.0	10.0
Van Petten	VANP	12/22/06	5:15 AM	5:00 PM	39.0	48.0	cldy, light rain	0.0	prtly open; open	NW	0.0	20.0
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/07	5:30 AM	5:00 PM	38.0	47.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	open; open	SE	8.0	15.0
White Pines	WTPN	12/23/06	7:15 AM	4:15 PM	26.0	44.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open, open	W	7.0	13.0
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Statewide					38.5	51.2						

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Andalusia	ANDA	12/28/06	5	0	0.0	4.0	28.3	5.8	22.5	228.8	6.8	222.0	4.3	29.0	Kelly J. McKay
Barrington	BARR	12/18/06	26	4	7.5	12.0	68.0	46.0	22.0	349.0	40.0	309.0	1.8	1.0	Duane Heaton
Calumet City-Sand Ridg	CALU	12/30/06	27	13	25.0	14.0	73.5	45.0	28.5	327.5	27.5	300.0	0.0	0.0	Carolyn A. Marsh
Chicago Lakefront	CHIL	12/25/06	12	0	0.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	2.0	58.3	16.3	42.0	0.0	0.0	Joel Greenberg
Chicago Urban	CHIU	12/17/06	24	5	5.0	12.0	71.0	53.0	18.0	426.0	51.0	375.0	5.0	15.0	Jeffrey Sanders
Clinton IA	CL IA	12/19/06	8	1	1.0	4.0	34.8	6.5	28.3	319.5	4.5	315.0	5.8	67.0	Kelly J. McKay
Davenport IA	DA IA	12/17/06	18	15	20.8	7.0	61.3	19.0	42.3	505.8	13.8	492.0	10.0	75.0	Kelly J. McKay
DeKalb	DEKA	12/16/06	18	0	0.0	6.0	36.5	20.5	16.5	325.7	34.0	291.7	8.0	40.0	Mike Andrews
Evanston (north shore)	EVNS	12/30/06	19	22	43.3	10.0	99.0	88.8	10.3	247.5	69.5	178.0	5.0	18.0	Tim Wallace
Fermilab-Batavia	FERM	12/16/06	102	2	4.0	31.0	192.3	155.0	37.3	694.5	145.0	549.5	9.8	45.5	Jeff Chapman
Freeport	FREE	12/16/06	11	4	8.0	4.0	30.6	5.3	25.3	438.2	4.2	434.0	3.8	58.0	Richard Benning
Green Island/Lost Mour	GILM	12/15/06	15	0	0.0	6.0	51.5	4.0	44.5	378.5	7.5	371.0	5.3	57.0	Dan Wenny
Hennepin	HENN	12/16/06	6	0	0.0	3.0	26.8	5.5	21.3	252.0	6.0	246.0	3.3	36.0	John McKee
Illini State Park	ILLI	12/17/06	7	3	4.0	3.0	25.3	9.0	16.3	240.0	11.0	229.0	2.0	13.0	Jim Hampson
Joliet	JOLI	12/16/06	21	1	1.0	8.0	52.0	24.5	27.5	247.0	27.0	220.0	0.0	0.0	Gregory L. Bluhm
Kankakee	KANK	12/30/06	20	8	5.5	11.0	69.8	44.8	25.0	278.9	33.5	245.4	0.0	0.0	Jed Hertz
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/23/06	27	3	4.5	14.0	85.2	46.5	38.7	722.0	48.0	674.0	4.3	7.0	Barbara C. Williams
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	12/17/06	87	12	31.3	29.0	175.3	139.5	33.8	593.0	116.9	476.1	16.8	59.5	Geoffrey Williamson
McHenry County	MCHE	12/16/06	43	0	0.0	16.0	73.0	24.0	49.0	556.0	30.5	525.5	5.8	7.5	David Frey
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	12/30/06	11	2	1.0	4.0	29.0	10.5	18.5	287.0	12.0	275.0	0.5	0.0	Bill Morris
Muscatine IA-IL City	MU IA	12/23/06	9	6	9.0	4.0	34.8	8.0	26.8	325.5	7.5	318.0	5.5	51.0	Kelly J. McKay
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	12/20/06	6	0	0.0	4.0	30.0	4.8	25.3	305.3	4.3	301.0	3.8	50.0	Kelly J. McKay
Rockford	ROCK	12/16/06	42	5	9.0	22.0	126.8	72.8	48.0	650.8	78.3	572.5	3.8	24.0	Daniel T. Williams
Schapville	SCHA	12/14/06	22	0	0.0	6.0	45.5	3.5	42.0	334.5	7.5	327.0	0.0	0.0	Terrence N. Ingram
Starved Rock State Park	SRSP	1/1/07	13	1	2.0	6.0	51.5	28.3	23.3	427.0	31.0	396.0	2.0	32.0	John McKee
Thorn Creek-Park Fores	TCPF	12/31/06	22	15	25.3	7.0	47.0	26.0	20.5	221.0	28.0	193.0	0.0	0.0	Jim Kelly
Van Petten	VANP	12/22/06	7	0	0.0	4.0	22.8	3.5	19.3	266.0	2.0	264.0	1.8	9.0	Kelly J. McKay
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/07	31	70	128.0	16.0	92.5	78.0	14.5	361.5	69.5	292.0	2.5	15.0	Joel Greenberg
White Pines	WTPN	12/23/06	3	1	0.3	3.0	18.5	9.0	9.5	61.5	3.5	58.0	0.3	0.5	Eric Walters
Totals			662	193	335	274	1772	1005	756	10428	936	9492	111	710	
Statewide Totals			1065	229	383	485	3418	1773	1655	20494	1582	18912	204	1517	

Count Name	Map I.D.	Date	Field Obsrv	Feeder Obsrv	Feeder Hours	Parties	Party Hours	Hours on foot	Hours by car	Party Miles	Miles on foot	Miles by car	Owling Hours	Owling Miles	Compiler	Area
Bloomington-Normal	BLOM	12/16/06	14	0	0.0	5	36.0	18.0	18.0	255.0	23.0	232.0	0.0	0.0	Dale Birkenholz	C
Bushnell	BUSH	12/16/06	10	0	0.0	5	44.0	16.0	28.0	321.5	16.0	305.5	0.0	0.0	Larry L. Hood	
Champaign County	CHAM	12/16/06	28	4	4.0	11	58.3	41.2	17.2	239.4	35.8	203.6	1.0	5.0	Helen M. Parker	E
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	12/23/06	14	1	2.0	6	54.5	24.0	30.5	335.0	15.5	319.5	1.5	3.0	Richard Bjorklund	
Clinton Lake	CLLK	1/2/07	10	0	0.0	5	43.0	27.3	15.8	282.4	29.2	253.2	0.0	0.0	Rhetta Jack	N
Crane Lake-Sangamo	CRLK	12/16/06	8	0	0.0	5	52.8	20.3	32.5	276.5	22.5	254.0	0.0	0.0	Robert Q. Randall	
Eastern Knox County	EKNX	12/14/06	9	0	0.0	7	54.3	18.5	35.8	479.5	18.5	461.0	9.3	88.0	Jim Mountjoy	T
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/20/06	14	0	0.0	7	58.8	42.3	16.5	341.2	36.0	305.2	1.0	5.0	Marilyn F. Campbell	
Meredosia Island	MERE	12/14/07	15	0	0.0	6	52.8	18.3	34.5	372.0	19.0	353.0	0.0	0.0	Tony Ward	R
Middle Fork River Va	MFRV	1/3/07	14	0	0.0	9	71.0	46.5	24.5	374.3	41.3	333.0	6.5	30.0	Steve Bailey	
Peoria	PEOR	12/16/06	19	1	2.0	8	65.0	20.0	45.0	377.0	21.0	356.0	0.0	0.0	L.H. Princen	A
Quincy	QUIN	12/16/06	16	14	18.0	9	50.0	10.0	40.0	369.0	11.0	358.0	5.0	71.0	Kenneth Heinze	
Rushville	RUSH	12/16/06	2	7	9.0	2	3.0	3.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	Harold E. Hedden	L
Springfield	SPFD	12/17/06	14	3	6.0	13	84.0	46.0	38.0	527.0	42.0	485.0	2.0	30.0	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	12/26/06	8	0	0.0	4	35.8	7.3	28.5	216.0	7.0	209.0	5.5	45.0	Kelly J. McKay	
Totals			195	30	41	102	763.1	358.4	404.7	4767.7	339.7	4428.0	32.3	277.0		
Baldwin Lake-Kaskas	BALK	12/16/06	17	3	3.0	8	60.3	33.4	27.9	362.2	24.9	337.3	3.7	69.0	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanct.-Ol	BIRD	12/16/06	15	0	0.0	9	61.5	19.5	42.0	476.5	19.0	457.5	1.0	19.0	Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/19/06	19	0	0.0	9	85.5	34.0	51.5	624.5	31.5	593.0	8.5	90.0	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	COLL	12/19/06	9	0	0.0	6	52.5	24.3	28.3	457.3	22.3	435.0	0.0	0.0	Frank Holmes	S
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	12/17/06	10	0	0.0	5	48.8	20.0	28.8	434.1	18.9	415.2	4.5	55.5	Mike Brown	
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/18/06	19	0	0.0	9	84.0	32.0	52.0	489.4	42.8	446.6	4.5	34.0	Jeffrey Hoover	O
Elsah	ELSA	12/17/06	12	1	1.5	4	12.0	1.5	10.5	92.8	2.8	90.0	1.5	7.0	MaryJane Hoff	
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/29/06	16	0	0.0	11	91.5	48.8	42.8	470.5	33.5	437.0	5.0	21.0	Vernon Kleen	U
Jackson County	JACK	1/1/07	12	0	0.0	6	58.8	25.0	33.8	394.4	12.4	382.0	8.5	66.0	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Mermet Lake, Massac	MRLK	12/31/06	9	0	0.0	4	37.5	12.5	25.0	20.5	8.0	12.5	5.5	0.0	Frank Bennett	T
Newton	NEWT	12/15/06	23	0	0.0	7	56.0	32.0	24.0	320.0	27.0	293.0	3.5	40.0	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/16/06	18	0	0.0	8	53.5	40.0	33.5	295.5	16.0	279.5	0.0	0.0	Robert Thomas	H
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/16/06	14	0	0.0	9	81.5	38.5	43.0	461.5	26.5	435.0	9.5	120.0	Keith McMullen	
Union County	UNION	12/30/06	24	0	0.0	15	109.5	57.8	51.8	497.3	39.3	458.0	5.0	8.5	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanc	WRBV	12/17/07	5	2	2.0	4	26.5	9.0	17.3	157.5	4.5	153.0	0.5	0.0	Andrea Douglas	
Totals			222	6	6.5	114	919.4	428.2	512.0	5553.8	329.2	5224.6	61.2	530.0		
Statewide Totals			1065	229	382.9	485	3418	1773	1655	20494	1582	18912	204	1517		

Count Name	Map I.D.	Date	Time		Temp		Sky	Snow	Water	Wind	Wind	Veloc	Compiler	Area
			Begin	End	Low	High				Dirn	Low	High		
Bloomington-Normal	BLOM	12/16/06	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	38.0	57.0	prtly cldy; cldy	0.0	open, open	S	20	20	Dale Birkenholz	C
Bushnell	BUSH	12/16/06	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	40.0	58.0	cldy	0.0	open, open	SW	3	20	Larry L. Hood	
Champaign County	CHAM	12/16/06	5:45 AM	4:30 PM	30.0	45.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open, open	SE	5	5	Helen M. Parker	E
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	12/23/06	5:15 AM	4:40 PM	39.0	44.0	cldy; clear	0.0	open, open	W	15	15	Richard Bjorklund	
Clinton Lake	CLLK	1/2/07	6:30 AM	5:00 PM	25.0	43.0	clear; clear	0.0	open, open	S	0	10	Rhetta Jack	N
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRLK	12/16/06	6:45 AM	5:00 PM	35.0	62.0	clear; prtly cldy	0.0	open, open	SW	0	10	Robert Q. Randall	
Eastern Knox County	EKNX	12/14/06	3:45 AM	5:00 PM	39.0	55.0	prtly cldy; clear	1.0	1/2 open, open	SW	8	17	Jim Mountjoy	T
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/20/06	7:00 AM	4:30 PM	28.0	48.0	cldy; light rain	0.0	open	unk	unk	unk	Marilyn F. Campbell	
Meredosia Island	MERE	12/14/07	6:45 AM	5:00 PM	45.0	58.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open, open	W	10	15	Tony Ward	R
Middle Fork River Valley	MFRV	1/3/07	1:15 AM	5:15 PM	30.0	47.0	clear; prtly cldy	0.0	open, open	SW	10	17	Steve Bailey	
Peoria	PEOR	12/16/06	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	38.0	56.0	cldy; clear	0.0	1/2 open, open	SW	10	10	L.H. Princen	A
Quincy	QUIN	12/16/06	6:15 AM	4:30 PM	47.0	65.0	cldy	0.0	1/2 open, open	SW	5	12	Kenneth Heinze	
Rushville	RUSH	12/16/06	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	28.0	46.0	prtly cldy	0.0	open	S	5	10	Harold E. Hedden	L
Springfield	SPFD	12/17/06	5:00 AM	5:00 PM	41.0	59.0	cldy; light rain	0.0	open	NE	4	18	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	12/26/06	5:00 AM	5:15 PM	34.0	43.0	clear	0.0	open	NW	0	10	Kelly J. McKay	
Totals					35.8	52.4								
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia	BALK	12/16/06	3:20 AM	4:50 PM	44.0	60.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	open; open	SW	10	15	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanct.-Olney	BIRD	12/16/06	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	44.0	60.0	cldy and foggy	0.0	open	S	15	20	Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/19/06	12:00 AM	5:00 PM	27.0	42.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	NW	10	10	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	COLL	12/19/06	4:00 AM	5:00 PM	35.0	41.0	cldy; prtly clear	0.0	open; open	E	0	4	Frank Holmes	S
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	12/17/06	2:30 AM	5:30 PM	57.0	63.0	prtly cldy; cldy	0.0	open; open	S	8	8	Mike Brown	
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/18/06	4:00 AM	5:00 PM	46.0	60.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	S	3	12	Jeffrey Hoover	O
Elsah	ELSA	12/17/06	5:00 AM	12:00 PM	49.0	59.0	cldy	0.0	open; open	NNE	10	15	MaryJane Hoff	
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/29/06	5:30 AM	5:15 PM	42.0	56.0	light rain; cldy	0.0	open	VAR	0	5	Vernon Kleen	U
Jackson County	JACK	1/1/07	3:00 AM	5:30 PM	36.0	38.0	cldy; prtly cldy	0.0	open; open	W	10	16	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	MRLK	12/31/06	6:00 AM	5:00 PM	48.0	59.0	cldy; prtly cldy	0.0	open; open	S	8	20	Frank Bennett	T
Newton	NEWT	12/15/06	3:45 AM	5:10 PM	40.0	54.0	clear	0.0	open	W	5	15	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/16/06	8:00 AM	4:30 PM	44.0	66.0	cldy; clear	0.0	open	W	5	15	Robert Thomas	H
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/16/06	3:00 AM	5:00 PM	54.0	54.0	foggy; prtly cldy	0.0	open; open	SW	12	12	Keith McMullen	
Union County	UNION	12/30/06	4:45 AM	5:00 PM	53.0	55.0	cldy, light rain	0.0	open	SE	5	15	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanctuary	WRBV	12/17/07	6:00 AM	4:45 PM	57.0	66.0	cldy	0.0	open	SW	7	8	Andrea Douglas	
Totals					45.1	55.5								
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Statewide Totals					38.5	51.2								

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Greater White-fronted Goose										cw			48			48
Snow Goose								2		3		1, US				6
white										3		1				4
blue																0
Ross's Goose																0
Cackling Goose		12			5	8	4	2	1	83		19	22	2	6 hc	164
Canada Goose	454	9206	1763	956	2258 hc	1011	2814	2473	1309	15600	1217	1994	2303	1894	4772	47024
Mute Swan		8	19	2	1				2	2					20	54
Trumpeter Swan						3										3
Tundra Swan						521										521
Wood Duck	13	3			3		1			3						23
Gadwall	2		39		1		1		1	12		8	2	16	97	179
American Wigeon					1					1		1		3	6	12
American Black Duck		16	24		14	14	1		12	34		2	20	2090 hc	21	2248
Mallard	91	787	767	111	1209	835	1008	490	1019	2101	363 hc	383	2598	45312 hc	784	57858
Mottled Duck																0
Blue-winged Teal																0
Northern Shoveler							3		1	11		1				16
Northern Pintail						2			1	2		4	3			12
Green-winged Teal	1					10										11
Canvasback			3			819	40					21				883
Redhead						3	1		374			5				383
Ring-necked Duck		9				89	13		3			8			6	128
Greater Scaup			15	32					12617							12664
Lesser Scaup			18		2	853	124		44	1		10			29	1081
Harlequin Duck				2												2
Surf Scoter									3							3
White-winged Scoter			cw						1							1
Black Scoter																0
Long-tailed Duck									1							1
Bufflehead		2	23	23	2	5	9		1	1						66
Common Goldeneye	34	40	59	611	4	1816	195		758	61		49	2		6	3635
Hooded Merganser	2	1	11	6	4	1	2		10	15 hc					210 hc	262
Common Merganser	8	cw	37	106		100	1		17	19		10	8	6000	10	6314
Red-breasted Merganser	12		67	235	3	1			520							838
Ruddy Duck			cw			7	2						12			21
Gray Partridge											7					7
Ring-necked Pheasant						15	3	1			9	2		6	1	37
Greater Prairie-Chicken																0
Wild Turkey	47					12	63				46 hc	30	38	233 hc		469
Northern Bobwhite																0
Red-throated Loon																0
Common Loon																0
Pied-billed Grebe			3		1					3				3	1	11
Horned Grebe																0
Red-necked Grebe														1 hc		1
Eared Grebe																0
American White Pelican																0
Double-crested Cormorant	4		38	6	1	2	15							191 hc	16	207
Great Blue Heron	12	7	8		12	41	55	9	9	39 hc	2 hc	8	19	38 hc	36 hc	295
Black-crowned Night-Heron			25		15				1							41
Black Vulture																0
Turkey Vulture																0
Osprey																0
Bald Eagle	101		1			114	88				2	206	61	3		576
Adult	19		1			53	50				1	118	36	3		281
Immature	4					54	30				1	77	24			190
Unknown	78					7	8					11	1			105
Northern Harrier	1					1	1			9	1		4	8	1	24
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		2		1	1	2	4	4	4	1	1	5	2	2	30
Cooper's Hawk	2	13 hc	6		14	3	5	1	17	24	1	3	1	5	3	98
Northern Goshawk																0
Red-shouldered Hawk					1	1										2
Red-tailed Hawk	34	76	36	3	17	54	45	15	86	100	45	43	70	39	29	694
Rough-legged Hawk		1	cw			3	2			1	1	4	3		1	16
Golden Eagle													1 imm			1
American Kestrel	23	1	21	2	11	8	23	16	10	25	25	20	19	16	15	235
Merlin					1								1			2
Peregrine Falcon			2		1		1									4
Virginia Rail																0
American Coot		17	36	31	2		3		2	3		10		5	10	119
Sandhill Crane																0
Killdeer	2		1			2	2								1	8
Spotted Sandpiper																0
Sanderling																0
Least Sandpiper																0
Wilson's Snipe						2	1			4			1			8
American Woodcock																0
Laughing Gull																0
Bonaparte's Gull														21		21
Ring-billed Gull	233	232	1080	527	601	1329	2897	2	376	498		285	82	1031	182	9335
Herring Gull	13	8	106	276	124	138	83		170	559		2	50	23	14	1566
Thayer's Gull				1	1				1	1						4
Iceland Gull									1							1
Lesser Black-backed Gull										1				1 hc		1
Glaucous Gull			cw													0
Great Black-backed Gull			3							1 US						4
Black-legged Kittiwake									2							2
Forster's Tern																0
Rock Pigeon	118	316	930	164	2250	130	1384	143	498	356	199	328	114	83	210	7223
Eurasian Collared Dove					4	3							20			27
Ringed Turtle Dove															12	12
Mourning Dove	516	210	411		223	341	763	145	402	1439	131	118	139	72	435	5345
Monk Parakeet			163	49	20											232
Barn Owl																0
Eastern Screech-Owl	7	5			12	9		11	11	20		13	2	5		95
Great Horned Owl	8	7	2		7	11	10	3	4	18		8	5	13 hc	2	98
Snowy Owl																0
Burrowing Owl																0

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Barred Owl	14					7	14	2				5	2		
Long-eared Owl										5		11			
Short-eared Owl						1				1			1	5	
Northern Saw-whet Owl															
Belted Kingfisher	7	8	5		5	4	13	6	4	29 hc	1	29	5	2	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	5		3				2					1	1		1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	80	56	18		46	59	79	25	62	128	33 hc	103	96	24	20
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2				2	1	2		2			2			
Downy Woodpecker	122	84	78	7	128	61	114	42	154	204	25	70	67	31	46
Hairy Woodpecker	29	15	4		52	15	19	3	51	62 hc	6	28	33	3	11
Northern Flicker	21	10	5		1	36	9	5	4	30	5	45	57	19	21 hc
Pileated Woodpecker	13					5	3					12	4		
Eastern Phoebe					1										
Sey's Phoebe															
Loggerhead Shrike															
Northern Shrike		3	cw			1		1	3	3			1		
Blue Jay	71	31	23		12	96	145	38	14	30 lc	60	94	56	15	16
American Crow	99	94	50	40	59	127	272	93	172	118 lc	153	321	221	50	81
Horned Lark	48	6				25	73	62		63	24	13	2		6
Carolina Chickadee															
Black-capped Chickadee	160	166	43	3	201	209	421	104	235	492	45	205	193	47	10
Tufted Titmouse	27		2			44	15	1		4	5	32	30	8	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		9	2		3	2	7	8	13	18	1	1			
White-breasted Nuthatch	111	56 hc	25	1	56	135	155	55	101	157 hc	30	100	107	33	35
Brown Creeper	53	11			49	11	10	1	10	59 hc	3	8	4	5	14
Carolina Wren	11	2 hc	4	1	5 hc	11	17	1		6		10	18	4	8
House Wren															
Winter Wren	7		1		1		1		4	3					
Sedge Wren															
Marsh Wren															
Golden-crowned Kinglet	13	7	1		9	10	2	1	3	26		8		2	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							4					1, US			
Eastern Bluebird	49	14 hc	2			46	6		8	27 hc	4 hc	97	73		1
Hermit Thrush	10	1			1	3			4	5		3			
American Robin	107	402	50	8	953	48	93	2	1615	1381	4	181	98	67 hc	36
Gray Catbird															
Northern Mockingbird	1		1	1								4	1		
Brown Thrasher															
European Starling	2575	2510	3715	155	2400	4931	4558	3195	4053	10585 hc	2886 hc	2272	2053	1052	1984
American Pipit															
Cedar Waxwing	79	137		15	42	30	22	15	164	568	33	201	3		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5	15 hc	1		7				21	9		4			
Pine Warbler									1						
Common Yellowthroat															
Eastern Towhee	2														
Chipping Sparrow															
American Tree Sparrow	207	310	175	19	12 LC	150	192	18	70	714	94	215	304	114	143
Field Sparrow												1			
Veeper Sparrow															
Lark Sparrow															
Savannah Sparrow															
Le Conte's Sparrow															
Fox Sparrow	4	6			1		3	2	1	11		1			
Song Sparrow	44	35	32	2	4	18	85	4	8	45		24	30	4	4
Lincoln's Sparrow															
Swamp Sparrow	55	2	4	1	8	1	13		5	11		7	2	3	1
White-throated Sparrow	88	74	5	3	41	6	51	3	28	116	1	27	58	9	27
Harris's Sparrow															
White-crowned Sparrow	8	29	3		1	2	4			5		7, US	1		8
Dark-eyed Junco	773	489	306	8	332	373	613	245	380	1297	136	579	221	195	206
Lapland Longspur	1				2	2	2					3	18		
Snow Bunting						3			2			1		76	
Northern Cardinal	221	202	132	48	175	177	363	148	291	617	50	183	196	78	108
Indigo Bunting						897				15					
Red-winged Blackbird	702	180	54				459					368	108	7538 hc	2
Eastern Meadowlark	1								1					1	
Western Meadowlark												1, US			
Rusty Blackbird										3		1			
Brewer's Blackbird															
Common Grackle	250	6	2			2	4		3	1		5	4	31	
Brown-headed Cowbird	51	6	17			412	66	30	1		103 hc	303	94	517	6
Pine Grosbeak															
Purple Finch	50				1	4	8					57	2		
House Finch	22	106	75	4	76	37	62	80	101	358	38	26	88	18	47
Red Crossbill															
White-winged Crossbill															
Common Redpoll	2														
Pine Siskin	2					1			1			1		4	
American Goldfinch	61	186	229	30	237	112	192	67	459	727	66	111	129	54	63
Evening Grosbeak															
House Sparrow	485	813	1540	7	1700	471	934	762	966	796	505	400	645	132	211
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	132												2		
Swan sp.															
scaup sp.			2												
Merganser sp.				40											
duck sp.															
Accipiter sp.		1													2
hawk, sp.															
Large owl, sp.															
gull, sp.		19	2								1				
meadowlark sp.		2													
blackbird, sp.															
Egyptian Goose (exotic)															
Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser															
Dark-eyed Junco X White-crowned Sparrow															
Budgerigar (exotic)			1												
Total Species	**72**	**68**	**66**	**37**	**68**	**81**	**77**	**45**	**73**	**74**	**41**	**81**	**68**	**59**	**59**
Total Individuals	**8617**	**17082**	**12330**	**3636**	**13419**	**16706**	**18772**	**8336**	**27246**	**38793**	**8362**	**9755**	**10681**	**67263**	**10144**

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English name	KANK	KISH	LISL	MCHE	MOWI	MUIA	PC IA	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VANP	WAUK	WTPN	Totals	Section Totals
Greater White-fronted Goose															0	48
Snow Goose		1	1								1			2	5	11
white		1	1								1			2	5	9
blue															0	0
Ross's Goose											1				1	1
Cackling Goose	43	143	8		6			218		50 hc	26		9		503	667
Canada Goose	2819	4666	8640	6433	872	125	328	12499	67	919	2270	188	3602	650	44078	91102
Mute Swan	5		2	3									10		20	74
Trumpeter Swan							7								7	10
Tundra Swan													36	1	37	558
Wood Duck				5											5	28
Gadwall	9		112		9		3	3					22		158	337
American Wigeon					2										2	14
American Black Duck	7	11	10	7	20			2					11		68	2316
Mallard	614	1134	1762	949	233	172	150	1669	2	547	135	311	1116	22	8816	66674
Mottled Duck															0	0
Blue-winged Teal			2												2	2
Northern Shoveler			3										6		9	25
Northern Pintail			7									1			8	20
Green-winged Teal										2					2	13
Canvasback			2	29	1	4									36	919
Redhead	3			10									56		69	452
Ring-necked Duck	4		129 hc	150			1								284	412
Greater Scaup						1							2165		2166	14830
Lesser Scaup				2		4	9						25		40	1121
Harlequin Duck															0	2
Surf Scoter													4		4	7
White-winged Scoter															0	1
Black Scoter															0	0
Long-tailed Duck													18		18	19
Bufflehead			1	3	5	1							105		115	181
Common Goldeneye	1	2	2	18	87	37	53			2		30	230		462	4097
Hooded Merganser		5	4	4	16	1							50		80	342
Common Merganser			124	2	110		4			19			48	25	332	6646
Red-breasted Merganser			4										229		233	1071
Ruddy Duck			1	1			7						1		10	31
Gray Partridge															0	7
Ring-necked Pheasant	9	0 LC			7	1	4	44	4			16			85	122
Greater Prairie-Chicken															0	0
Wild Turkey	13	86		3	9	31	95	179	48	44		9		21	538	1007
Northern Bobwhite	4						1					1			6	6
Red-throated Loon													7. hc		7	7
Common Loon															0	0
Pied-billed Grebe	1		4 hc		1	1									7	18
Horned Grebe															0	0
Red-necked Grebe															0	1
Eared Grebe															0	0
American White Pelican															0	0
Double-crested Cormorant				2	4								2		8	215
Great Blue Heron	10	5	24	10	18	15	4	21	5 hc	23	1	1	3	1	141	436
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1												1	42
Black Vulture															0	0
Turkey Vulture										1	1				2	2
Osprey															0	0
Bald Eagle		13	3		1	84	36	7	17 hc	19		8		3	191	767
Adult		6	3			56	30	4	11	11		6		3	130	411
Immature		7			1	23	6	3	6	7		2			55	245
Unknown						5				1					6	111
Northern Harrier	4	1	2	3	6	1		2		7	9		1		36	60
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	1	4	5		5		3		2		1	1	1	26	56
Cooper's Hawk	3	5	24	5	2	2	1	13 hc		6 hc	5	1	9		76	174
Northern Goshawk												1			1	1
Red-shouldered Hawk			1			1		1							3	5
Red-tailed Hawk	34	51	97	43	47	55	27	88	86	42	13	12	58	14	667	1361
Rough-legged Hawk	1		2	1		2	1	1	2		1	2			13	29
Golden Eagle															0	1
American Kestrel	21	18	26	8	8	39	33	39	23	38	7	13	9	6	288	523
Merlin								1 hc							1	3
Peregrine Falcon													1		1	5
Virginia Rail															0	0
American Coot	2	6	27	40	33								154		262	381
Sandhill Crane				13											13	13
Killdeer	1		2												3	11
Spotted Sandpiper															0	0
Sanderling															0	0
Least Sandpiper															0	0
Wilson's Snipe			3					3							6	14
American Woodcock	1														1	1
Laughing Gull													1		1	1
Bonaparte's Gull															0	21
Ring-billed Gull	4	7	543	256	907	101	941	9		31	48	31	644	4	3526	12861
Herring Gull	2	27	119	10	13	8	24	23		11	2	3	524		766	2332
Thayer's Gull													2		2	6
Iceland Gull															0	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1													1	2
Glaucous Gull															0	0
Great Black-backed Gull													1		1	5
Black-legged Kittiwake															0	2
Forster's Tern															0	0
Rock Pigeon	460	844	986	282	219	50	170	922	89	356	54	876	459	62	5829	13052
Eurasian Collared Dove			5				1		57 hc						63	90
Ringed Turtle Dove															0	12
Mourning Dove	768	317	1211	198	325	597	439	492	45	66	180	58	586	40	5322	10667
Monk Parakeet			10 hc										2		12	244
Barn Owl											3				3	3
Eastern Screech-Owl	4	5	35	3	1	10	2	5				2	7		74	169
Great Horned Owl	5	4	24	6	1	8	11	12	4	2	8	10	3	2	100	198
Snowy Owl															0	0
Burrowing Owl															0	0

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English name	KANK	KISH	LISL	MCHE	MOWI	MUIA	PC IA	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VANP	WAUK	WTPN	Totals
Barred Owl	cw	5	1			6	3	13	1						29
Long-eared Owl					1		1			1	1				4
Short-eared Owl			3	3		1				2	8		4	1	20
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1								1				2
Belted Kingfisher	3	6	14	3	15	2	4	17	7 hc	7	1	4	1	2	86
Red-headed Woodpecker	2		2			7	1	2		2				1	17
Red-bellied Woodpecker	51	92	179	48	16	51	47	121	63 hc	28	6	14	18	41	775
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3		6			1		2		1				1	14
Downy Woodpecker	68	128	293	66	45	68	39	193	56	56	21	23	124	23	1203
Hairy Woodpecker	12	37	97 hc	15	5	20	14	46	13	9	2	3	47	13	333
Northern Flicker	19	17	50	4	7	7	12	57	8	10	1	9	5	14	218
Pileated Woodpecker			1			4	8	7 hc	1	8 hc					27
Eastern Phoebe															0
Say's Phoebe															0
Loggerhead Shrike															0
Northern Shrike			2	2			1	1	1		1		5		13
Blue Jay	82	115	201	26	7	76	66	182	93	22	14	49	34	55	1022
American Crow	188	5245	117	215	40	260	40	591	395	132	3	317	145	402	8090
Horned Lark	101	49				3	7	56		3		7		3	229
Carolina Chickadee															0
Black-capped Chickadee	28	438	569	230	54	199	85	623	128	150	18	42	394	83	3041
Tufted Titmouse	28	36	7		14	57	6	46	31 hc	16		5		21	269
Red-breasted Nuthatch		27	32	12			1	12			1	2	15	6	108
White-breasted Nuthatch	52	147	247 hc	77	22	100	49	240	61 hc	63	15	16	80	52	1243
Brown Creeper	21	28	24	6	23	4	5	28	4	13	3	10	3	11	181
Carolina Wren	44	7 hc	28 hc		6	14	5	1		25	3	2	4	5	142
House Wren															0
Winter Wren	2		3			1				1			1		8
Sedge Wren															0
Marsh Wren													1		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	7	11	17	2	9	2	12	5		2		2	7	4	80
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1					1
Eastern Bluebird	7	7	30	20	2	48	15	14	65 hc	15		4	3	9	239
Hermit Thrush	1	1	4				1						3		10
American Robin	41	64	1721	262	2	148	199	25	2	198 hc	10	33	828	48	3581
Gray Catbird			1												1
Northern Mockingbird	4									1					5
Brown Thrasher															0
European Starling	2561	4896	7332	2813	3479	2726	2022	5042	990	5743	1094	1310	3636	332	43776
American Pipit															0
Cedar Waxwing	27	187	283	124		51	28	175	85			4	83	22	1069
Yellow-rumped Warbler			16	1								6	14		39
Pine Warbler															0
Common Yellowthroat															0
Eastern Towhee			1												1
Chipping Sparrow															0
American Tree Sparrow	258	251	583	127	80	76	146	924	142	149	18	155	125	34	3066
Field Sparrow		2				1									3
Vesper Sparrow	6														6
Lark Sparrow						1 in IA									0
Savannah Sparrow			1												1
Le Conte's Sparrow															0
Fox Sparrow		cw	30				1					2			33
Song Sparrow	35	21	49	9	5	4	19	26	4	20	1	37	5	2	237
Lincoln's Sparrow															0
Swamp Sparrow	10	3	16	1		1	4	3		6		6	2		54
White-throated Sparrow	17	39	140	5	5	14	4	8	3	75		8	4	2	322
Harris's Sparrow															0
White-crowned Sparrow	8		2		12		3			4	2	12	1		42
Dark-eyed Junco	556	640	1400	363	122	283	207	939	251	399	42	190	846	114	6374
Lapland Longspur	2	90	1					1				2			96
Snow Bunting	4		36				4				7	1			52
Northern Cardinal	234	384	551	173	68	171	117	434	98	169	40	109	318	77	2952
Indigo Bunting												25			25
Red-winged Blackbird	39	5	16		46	3	45	34	1	14118	7		924		15238
Eastern Meadowlark	2														2
Western Meadowlark															0
Rusty Blackbird	3							2							5
Brewer's Blackbird															0
Common Grackle	37			1	27	1	1	1		1254				3	1325
Brown-headed Cowbird	200	11			43	106	301	2		4207				33	4903
Pine Grosbeak															0
Purple Finch						11	1	3	2						17
House Finch	86	260	238	86		36	37	203	8	30	15	4	218	36	1261
Red Crossbill															0
White-winged Crossbill															0
Common Redpoll		cw													0
Pine Siskin		cw													0
American Goldfinch	134	330	766 hc	251	35	98	156	438	102	85	18	17	467	28	2925
Evening Grosbeak															0
House Sparrow	657	1033	1221	361	120	501	572	1007	224	259		229	769	116	7069
Eurasian Tree Sparrow						66	1								67
Swan sp															0
scaup sp.															0
Merganser sp					2										2
duck sp			12		9										21
Accipiter sp		1	2		2			1							6
hawk, sp.								2							2
Large owl, sp								2							2
gull, sp.		4	37		2			5							48
meadowlark sp															0
blackbird, sp					3			10		3800					3813
															0
Egyptian Goose (exotic)								2							2
Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser															0
Dark-eyed Junco X White-crowned Sparrow															0
Budgerigar (exotic)															0
															0
Total Species	78	87	85	68	66	68	67	63	44	68	61	66	74	47	124
Total individuals	10496	21970	30360	13632	7273	6585	6644	29694	3316	33269	11487	4236	19349	2452	200731

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English name	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLLK	CRLK	EKNX	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER	Totals
Greater White-fronted Goose			6	4699 hc	1913 hc	720	8		158		80			30	1	7615
Snow Goose	2		2	1002	15	1210	1		1	2		20		158		2413
white				402								6				408
blue				600					1	2		14				617
Ross's Goose	3										cw					3
Cackling Goose	685		5	24	25		14			6 hc	37	4		25	2	827
Canada Goose	4064	212	952	3007	2868	1985	2642	481	1311	2489	975	1336	193	2134	1413	26064
Mute Swan				47						3				12		62
Trumpeter Swan				9 hc		2										11
Tundra Swan				37												37
Wood Duck			1			1			cw					5		7
Gadwall	5		2	264	186	9	44		29	10	61			18	20	648
American Wigeon			1	9	14	3				8 hc	cw				2	37
American Black Duck	1		8	78	12	3			7	17	11			1	5	143
Mallard	931	49	578	25716	940	13004	26	104	1271	365	732	1549		642	1322	47229
Mottled Duck														1		1
Blue-winged Teal																0
Northern Shoveler				3	15	1	9				1	3			2	34
Northern Pintail	31		9	9		8			11					14		82
Green-winged Teal			2	2	7	1			2		3			8	7	30
Canvasback				1		22	cw		1							24
Redhead																0
Ring-necked Duck	2			26	8	17			1	7				18	3	82
Greater Scaup				1 hc			cw							2		3
Lesser Scaup	1				6	1	3		7		1			8		27
Harlequin Duck																0
Surf Scoter																0
White-winged Scoter																0
Black Scoter																0
Long-tailed Duck																0
Bufflehead	2			4	1	2	5		1							15
Common Goldeneye	7	1		42	46	2	44		6	8	91			240		487
Hooded Merganser	1			8	8	4								48		69
Common Merganser	11			18	2	16	10		1		31			9	2	100
Red-breasted Merganser										1					2	3
Ruddy Duck				24		65			29		2			180 hc		300
Gray Partridge																0
Ring-necked Pheasant	6		5		15		11	6	2						7	52
Greater Prairie-Chicken																0
Wild Turkey		27	1		54	69	6	39	16	8	66	28	13	30	44	401
Northern Bobwhite					22	32	9		8			8		23		102
Red-throated Loon																0
Common Loon					1									1		2
Pied-billed Grebe					17		3	1		1	1			34		57
Horned Grebe					2									1		3
Red-necked Grebe																0
Eared Grebe												1				1
American White Pelican				1 hc												1
Double-crested Cormorant				2	4						1	1		6		14
Great Blue Heron	6	2	10	52	48 hc	33		10	44	70 hc	27	9		32	24	367
Black-crowned Night-Heron																0
Black Vulture																0
Turkey Vulture						14		1		43 hc				3		61
Osprey				1												1
Bald Eagle	1	5 hc		81	8 hc	55	5	3	61	5 hc	37	41	1		284	585
Adult				38	2	25			41	4	20	23			181	334
Immature				41	2	30		3	20	1	17	18			87	219
Unknown				2	2										16	20
Northern Harrier			6	14	1	9	3		26	2	1	6			3	71
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		3	1	2	6		1	10 hc	1	1	1		4	2	34
Cooper's Hawk	3	1	7		3	5	2	3	3	5	7			10	3	52
Northern Goshawk			cw													0
Red-shouldered Hawk			2		2 hc	2	cw	2							1	7
Red-tailed Hawk	34	29	34	65	42	42	58	38	110 hc	52 hc	39	27	2	28	37	637
Rough-legged Hawk	2	3		2			2	1	4		1	2	1		1	19
Golden Eagle																0
American Kestrel	22	44 hc	21	34 hc	28	21	40	30	41	11	44	36		25	14	411
Merlin			1			1			1		1	1				5
Peregrine Falcon			cw													0
Virginia Rail																0
American Coot	14				96	151	375			10	2			115		763
Sandhill Crane																0
Killdeer									cw		1					1
Spotted Sandpiper																0
Sanderling																0
Least Sandpiper																0
Wilson's Snipe		1			1				1					1	4	8
American Woodcock																0
Laughing Gull																0
Bonaparte's Gull				57	40									150		247
Ring-billed Gull	30	28 hc	3	186	2217	440	cw	3	242	130	1457	185		1842	187	6960
Herring Gull				2	6	3			2	1	30	2		6	2	54
Thayer's Gull																0
Iceland Gull																0
Lesser Black-backed Gull																0
Glaucous Gull																0
Great Black-backed Gull																0
Black-legged Kittiwake																0
Forster's Tern																0
Rock Pigeon	96	44	249	33	91	36	73	314	161	68	1103	404		1162	40	3874
Eurasian Collared Dove			cw	29	22 hc	2	1	-		2 hc		8		9 new sp		93
Ringed Turtle Dove																0
Mourning Dove	58	250	432	93	179	11	80	270	84	370	441	453	25	598	55	3399
Monk Parakeet																0
Barn Owl																0
Eastern Screech-Owl			5		1	2	4	5	3	13				3	6	42
Great Horned Owl	2	2	4		5	5	5	7	8	6	1	3		14	26	88
Snowy Owl																0
Burrowing Owl																0

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English name	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLLK	CRLK	EKNX	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER	Totals
Barred Owl	1	2	1		4	9	10	10	5	10		2	1	10	15	80
Long-eared Owl			2				1	1		2						6
Short-eared Owl				1			2		7	2						12
Northern Saw-whet Owl										3 hc						3
Belted Kingfisher	6	4 hc	10	6	16 hc	2	6	7	4	23 hc	3	1		9	6	103
Red-headed Woodpecker		12		2		6	5	6	cw	2	1	5	2	4	3	50
Red-bellied Woodpecker	42	65 hc	64	68	46	101	59	73	70	44	71	68	6	133	58	986
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1	3	2		2		1	1		2	1		3	3	19
Downy Woodpecker	49	68	66	45	41	74	46	78	90	62	75	95	15	96	75	977
Hairy Woodpecker	4	2	13	12	13	11	24	17	18	7	15	17	2	21	22	198
Northern Flicker	7	12	22	35	14	46	16	13	48	7	29	26	2	50	30	361
Pileated Woodpecker		1	3	9		14	3	19	17	12	6	5		6	13	110
Eastern Phoebe																0
Say's Phoebe																0
Loggerhead Shrike						1										1
Northern Shrike					1 hc		1									2
Blue Jay	22	120	115	80	77	173	85	146	110	89	96	131	16	202	103	1577
American Crow	283	98	510	358	378	110	376	8339	119	89000	367	186	7	2140	57	102288
Horned Lark	5	11	32	21	51	6	58	2	57	10	6	22		2	10	293
Carolina Chickadee			73					129		125						327
Black-capped Chickadee	99	80	1	98	126	132	144		179		231	127	27	126	153	1525
Tufted Titmouse	9	34	25	43	32	43	50	115	88	88	47	74	29	97	27	801
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		1	10			1	1	4	3	2	1		2	2	28
White-breasted Nuthatch	55	46	40	53	69	65	71	126	79	92	101	98	6	90	115	1126
Brown Creeper	7	4 hc	17	3	2	4	10	21	9	2	12	2		33	5	131
Carolina Wren	9	23 hc	55	16	30	68	20	73	68 hc	35	33	26	1	83 hc	13	553
House Wren																0
Winter Wren			cw			2	3	1	2 hc	3		1		4	2	16
Sedge Wren																0
Marsh Wren																0
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	1	3	34	4	12	12	29	5	6	5			13	9	141
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	1 hc, new							3 hc					1		4
Eastern Bluebird	9	82 hc	46	63	19	96	39	56	174 hc	102 hc	12	43	4	56 hc	22	824
Hermit Thrush	2		6	3	1			1	3	1						17
American Robin	12	26	65	259	9	91	14	6	121	149 hc	110	83		180	130	1255
Gray Catbird			1													1
Northern Mockingbird	1	9 hc		11 hc	6	4	1	1	11	1	1	1		14		61
Brown Thrasher	1															1
European Starling	4580	2356 hc	2222	2723	1369	596	1289	3264	1917	6521 hc	4728	1492	34	10148	1403	44640
American Pipit																0
Cedar Waxwing	15	51 hc	5	70		69	49	27	38	65	6	40		25	14	474
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2	6			1	1	2	4						16
Pine Warbler																0
Common Yellowthroat											1					1
Eastern Towhee	2		1					3		1						7
Chipping Sparrow			1													1
American Tree Sparrow	46	80	124	73	93	456	70	492	245	158	90	47		136	171	2281
Field Sparrow			1			1			4							6
Vesper Sparrow																0
Lark Sparrow																0
Savannah Sparrow					3				2			5				10
Le Conte's Sparrow					3 new sp											3
Fox Sparrow			6			2	1	9	3	5				1	4	31
Song Sparrow	5	26	69	15	33	47	12	79	155	40	58	19		42	45	647
Lincoln's Sparrow																0
Swamp Sparrow	6	3	6	9	32	19	2	24	24	10	6			3	24	172
White-throated Sparrow	49	9 hc	67	39	28	17	4	42	30	45	17	44	3	82	11	505
Harris's Sparrow																0
White-crowned Sparrow		1	45	23	1	23	9	29	67		52	6		20		276
Dark-eyed Junco	137	236	292	452	261	202	261	678	267	445	331	235	37	436	357	4648
Lapland Longspur			4				5		cw	40						49
Snow Bunting																0
Northern Cardinal	82	152	305	146	182	210	98	469	290	195	175	237	20	335	142	3058
Indigo Bunting																0
Red-winged Blackbird	3		53	353	3	897	3	32	265	39	568	6		141	118	2479
Eastern Meadowlark	1		5	1	1		cw		cw		1					9
Western Meadowlark																0
Rusty Blackbird							4		4		10	29		4		51
Brewer's Blackbird																0
Common Grackle			2	10		36	1	16	7	1	10	1		137	2	223
Brown-headed Cowbird		cw	17	26	12		677	14	32	8	50			70	1	907
Pine Grosbeak								1								1
Purple Finch			1		5	1	3	6		3	4	4				27
House Finch	24	3	37	50 hc	2	9	78	40	24	14	135	62	14	56	9	577
Red Crossbill																0
White-winged Crossbill																0
Common Redpoll																0
Pine Siskin												2			1	3
American Goldfinch	43	217 hc	142	64	120	162	113	156	172	108	182	205	44	153	42	1923
Evening Grosbeak							1									1
House Sparrow	462	1043	672	408	332	249	469	371	336	333	693	404	91	779	254	6896
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		80		296		380	17		262			38	6	56	147	1292
Swan sp																0
scaup sp.																0
Merganser sp																0
duck sp																0
Accipiter sp			1													1
hawk, sp.			2				1									3
Large owl, sp																0
gull, sp.		13														13
meadowlark sp																0
blackbird, sp.																0
																0
Egyptian Goose (exotic)																0
Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser																0
Dark-eyed Junco X White-crowned Sparrow																0
Budgerigar (exotic)																0
																0
Total Species	64	61	73	79	78	81	74	84	88	74	71	63	27	83	69	128
Total Individuals	12093	6682	7627	42487	12410	22467	7742	16366	9191	191632	13626	8941	693	23648	7137	290661

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English name	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MERL	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	UNION	WRBV	Totals	Statewide totals
Greater White-fronted Goose	168		734 hc	249	363	1990		7000	265	118	465	511	740 hc	8000		29823	28286
Snow Goose	8332		74950 hc	252	196	36449		18000	8254	17750	86	9000	80620 hc	40000	31	293918	296343
white	1998				60							4140			31	6229	8646
blue	3479				15							4860				8354	8971
Ross's Goose	1		16 hc		1	2		26	6	5			6 hc	26		98	99
Cackling Goose				5	120	1		88	2		33	22	105 hc	58		432	1925
Canada Goose	1617	634	24	2637	5753	941	111	7200	744	205	884	2615	157	1200	92	24814	144786
Mute Swan	cw			16												16	182
Trumpeter Swan														13		13	34
Tundra Swan														1		1	886
Wood Duck	4				8	19		76	4	3	5	1	16 hc	27		161	196
Gadwall	230 hc	6	19	855	634	549		3400	132	154	77	40	193	1900		8196	9163
American Wigeon			5	8	139	19		1300	25	21	cw	30	181	500		2228	2277
American Black Duck	4		16		25	21		9	10	1	114	4	37	19		269	2716
Mallard	625	94	8075	692	3979	13555	2	4000	657	181	1408	6706	6528	7500	12	50814	168917
Mottled Duck																0	1
Blue-winged Teal						21						1				22	24
Northern Shoveler	80 hc	5	8	446	549	129		101	8	1	4	13	15	270		1627	1886
Northern Pintail	57 hc	83 hc	20	1	1507 hc	1336		139	5	3	8	520	675 hc	165		4489	4881
Green-winged Teal	27 hc		3	4	16	102		27	70	4	105		32	155		545	588
Canvasback	34		147	20	21	8		1			74	11	14	220		548	1481
Redhead				1	2	1						1	2			7	458
Ring-necked Duck	27	4	863 hc	598	856	1581		1500	11	13	41	20	2	4000		9516	10010
Greater Scaup			3										3			6	14839
Lesser Scaup	12	11	54		5	35		2		3	314	17	12	27		492	1640
Harlequin Duck																0	2
Surf Scoter			1 hc													1	8
White-winged Scoter										4						4	8
Black Scoter																0	0
Long-tailed Duck			2													2	21
Bufflehead	28 hc	2	7	1	58	9				3	75	8	36	3		228	424
Common Goldeneye	25		2085	18	24				2	1	60	86	6057 hc	8		8366	12549
Hooded Merganser	41	7	40	10	203	17		10	11	5	83	13	39	64	12	556	966
Common Merganser	7		17		28		1				8	4	4			67	6813
Red-breasted Merganser	4 hc		39		10		4						4			61	1138
Ruddy Duck	6	11	33	32	56	2			67		9	42	20	350		630	961
Gray Partridge																0	7
Ring-necked Pheasant			3								cw		4			7	181
Greater Prairie-Chicken											79					79	79
Wild Turkey	90	66	6	47	62	48	2	65		7	1	86	139 hc	67		689	2996
Northern Bobwhite	19	15	8	22	2	12	1	13		2	52	3		20	1	179	279
Red-throated Loon																0	7
Common Loon			2		4	1							3			10	12
Pied-billed Grebe	18	76 hc	1	11	93	3		3	23	4	37	2	58	7	2	338	413
Horned Grebe	119 hc		3	1	16								3			142	146
Red-necked Grebe																0	1
Eared Grebe					2											2	3
American White Pelican	1		31									148				180	181
Double-crested Cormorant	22 hc		36		11		1			1	3	27	4163			4264	4553
Great Blue Heron	42	14	105	33	75	32	11	57	32	36	29	55	92	51	8	672	1476
Black-crowned Night-Heron														1		1	43
Black Vulture					2 US	63			28	36					9	136	136
Turkey Vulture	1	12	6		18	129	1	1	22	68	8	4		27	99	396	459
Osprey																0	1
Bald Eagle	5 hc	4 hc	13	2	12	8	16	22	4	7	4	174	4	34	3	314	1995
Adult	3	2	11		4		15	16	2	3	2	98	1	16	3	174	919
Immature	2	2	2		6		3	6	2	2	2	76	2	16		125	629
Unknown										2		2	1			5	136
Northern Harrier	40 hc	7	58 hc	2	4	165		23	10	4	39	9	17	54	11	463	564
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3 hc	4	2	2	2	2		1	2	3	2	4	6	5	3	41	131
Cooper's Hawk	6 hc	11	9 hc	6	3	4		6	2	5	6		6	4	1	74	306
Northern Goshawk																0	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	3		9 hc	4	12	28		30	17	29	2	1	16	32	9	192	296
Red-tailed Hawk	57	32	164 hc	81	30	84	12	46	43	44	41	111	48	66	21	662	2864
Rough-legged Hawk	2 hc		4					1								7	66
Golden Eagle												1 imm				1	1
American Kestrel	41	49	113 hc	39	25	72	13	41	40	41	44	33	39	45	24	589	1593
Merlin																0	8
Peregrine Falcon										1						1	5
Virginia Rail													1 hc, US			1	1
American Coot	70	1195 hc	14	16	517			38	383	56	4	62	187	90		2632	3776
Sandhill Crane																0	13
Killdeer	9	1		2	4	12		15	3	71			2	15	3	137	149
Spotted Sandpiper																0	0
Sanderling																0	0
Least Sandpiper	1												1, US			2	2
Wilson's Snipe	1		2		3	3		2	1	1				4		17	39
American Woodcock			CW			3		2		2			1 hc	1	8	16	16
Laughing Gull																0	1
Bonaparte's Gull	70		2546		3063						93		497	15		6364	6572
Ring-billed Gull	612	22	13384	7172	2235	35	283	19	352	9	778	444	4890	1600	3	31816	51639
Herring Gull	2	86 hc	64	8	8		2		2	2	1		111			284	2678
Thayer's Gull																0	6
Iceland Gull																0	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull			5 hc										1			6	6
Glaucous Gull																0	0
Great Black-backed Gull																0	6
Black-legged Kittiwake																0	2
Forster's Tern													1 hc, US			1	1
Rock Pigeon	80	42	119	535	58	164	7	119	204	269	92	23	71	56	1	1840	18766
Eurasian Collared Dove	28		14		7	37		35		19	27		2	13		182	345
Ringed Turtle Dove																0	12
Mourning Dove	169 hc	631	874 hc	928	58	330	45	327	204	173	228	125	224	252	89	4955	18921
Monk Parakeet																0	244
Barn Owl														1		1	4
Eastern Screech-Owl		1	11	5	4	3		15	4	1	5		12	25		86	297
Great Horned Owl	7	3	24 hc		7	5	1	4	11	3	4	1	11	22	1	184	390
Snowy Owl																0	0
Burrowing Owl																0	0
Barred Owl	8	5	15 hc	1	11	28	5	27	14	8	4	7	25 hc	24	2	184	337
Long-eared Owl		1 hc	4		1				1				1			6	34

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Short-eared Owl	8		43 hc			26					28		1			106	146
Northern Saw-whet Owl			4 hc										1 hc, US			6	10
Belted Kingfisher	6	2	6	10	5	10	2	9	9	6	3	6	12 hc	14	1	101	415
Red-headed Woodpecker	15	2	31	4	11	54		158	109	74	5	3	32	220	12	736	810
Red-bellied Woodpecker	56	61	121	49	78	116	24	280	113	68	61	116	90 hc	239	37	1609	4099
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1	2	7	8	2	30	5	14		1	2	52	10	136	179
Downy Woodpecker	64	64	79	41	92	103	28	169	73	42	54	78	97 hc	209	15	1298	4621
Hairy Woodpecker	7	14	13	4	17	20	2	48	21	19	2	13	22	56	3	262	1122
Northern Flicker	30	15	66 hc	25	49	91	10	214	72	43	36	47	54	167	28	887	1834
Pileated Woodpecker	15 hc	2	5	1	30	33	9	64	32	18	2	32	9 hc	100	12	364	638
Eastern Phoebe		1 hc			2	3		6	3	3			2 hc, US	9		31	32
Say's Phoebe											1, US					1	1
Loggerhead Shrike	4	1	3	1	1	1		0	1	7	4			1		24	25
Northern Shrike																0	27
Blue Jay	180	184	388 hc	80	291	457	63	534	223	223	124	137	378	317	200	3779	7079
American Crow	51	116	346	606	248	157	78	186	85	84	85	189	331	182	193	2895	118223
Horned Lark	83	170	425	4	24	109		294	27	173	107	7	35	424		1882	2720
Carolina Chickadee	239 hc	126	301 hc	147	203	355		408	262	169	111		326 hc	541	90	3386	3636
Black-capped Chickadee			1 hc				105					200				306	7406
Tufted Titmouse	44	66	148 hc	32	133	259	95	329	259	127	81	92	172 hc	330	56	2204	3442
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7 hc			1	1	1		4				2	1	1	3	21	221
White-breasted Nuthatch	44	44	69	18	73	73	54	157	142	47	84	64	48 hc	231	23	1152	4678
Brown Creeper	3	1	19	3	76	27		70	27	45	3	1	38 hc	68	1	382	932
Carolina Wren	69 hc	41	111 hc	58	189	135	41	364 HC	113	146	45	65	153 hc	346	42	1538	2731
House Wren		1 hc		1						1				1		4	4
Winter Wren	2	2	2		4	13		41	5	17			13 hc	35		134	177
Sedge Wren						1								1		2	2
Marsh Wren	2 hc				1					1			1, US	1		6	7
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	5	23	1	204	116		146	72	65	10	8	164 hc	154	36	1010	1312
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7 hc		1 hc	2	10	4		48	2	4		1	8	28	12	126	137
Eastern Bluebird	101 hc	137	101 hc	33	196	190	33	301	274	294	86	152	143 hc	311	103	2466	3846
Hermit Thrush	2		5		28	5		19	5	2			8	12		86	140
American Robin	191	110	130	618	230	64	134	274	205	99	89	35	419	74	41	2733	12614
Gray Catbird																0	2
Northern Mockingbird	20	30	11	30	16	41	7	30	31	49	6	10	14	13	7	317	381
Brown Thrasher	2	2			2	3		19	3	14	1		2	3	4	55	66
European Starling	4084	5149	7827	7180	3640	5880	1486	1713	3324	3961	3782	1440	11970	4000	547	66985	203326
American Pipit						3		1		2				15		21	21
Cedar Waxwing	35	125	28	4	25	3		12	2	38	37		287	4		900	3462
Yellow-rumped Warbler	cw			1	13	14		310	9	6		1	7	22		385	842
Pine Warbler					1				3				1 hc, US	4		8	10
Common Yellowthroat														2		2	3
Eastern Towhee	1	2	1		25	11		14	6	29	4		14	9	7	123	133
Chipping Sparrow																0	1
American Tree Sparrow	95	43	235	57		138		125	18	42	241	74	71	80	1	1220	9304
Field Sparrow	7		19	5	30	35		78	27	134	2		30	52	17	436	446
Vesper Sparrow										1						1	7
Lark Sparrow																0	0
Savannah Sparrow	1	1	30	6	4	13		108	2	28	19	5	5	50	3	273	284
Le Conte's Sparrow					1	3		18			7		3	3		33	33
Fox Sparrow	5	1	3	1	39	17		25	8	10	8		12	60	1	187	290
Song Sparrow	42	30	124	70	174	151	8	320	109	242	83	78	159	394	13	1997	3229
Lincoln's Sparrow								1		1						2	2
Swamp Sparrow	27		29	10	74	122		285	43	134	15	20	195 hc	149	1	1194	1443
White-throated Sparrow	67	41	84	201	184	319	108	1079	284	402	175	103	233	747	82	4129	6496
Harris's Sparrow															29	29	29
White-crowned Sparrow	49	18	67	60	10	218	12	96	108	135	26	8	28	36		871	1267
Dark-eyed Junco	230	226	526	282	481	348	226	728	809	333	300	203	415	630	180	6917	23892
Lapland Longspur	2	15	633		9	180		113	3	5	35		37	94		1126	1299
Snow Bunting																0	134
Northern Cardinal	274	372	471	203	259	520	172	912	510	539	196	403	281	868	216	6196	16196
Indigo Bunting										2			1 hc, US			3	748
Red-winged Blackbird	7997	121	1662	5489	4298	9859	56	1545	21330	6917	355	1000	1167606 hc	3200	571	1252906	1278134
Eastern Meadowlark	73	95	205 hc	6	17	174		160	111	205	401 hc	6	49	100	39	1641	1655
Western Meadowlark			1 hc											1		2	3
Rusty Blackbird			246 hc	23	36	15		3	228	616	3	11	204	122		1647	1647
Brewer's Blackbird			60 hc										17 hc, US			77	77
Common Grackle	5019	165	2245	1315	11081	3582		401	13556	10775	151	1591	129855	7500	590	186928	188782
Brown-headed Cowbird	750 hc	37	4466 hc	421	236	134	1	84	46	131	225	128	45	100	2	6906	14222
Pine Grosbeak																0	1
Purple Finch	2				2				1	3					4	12	178
House Finch	30	53	31	32	14	24	37	53	132	74	17	105	13	83		798	3684
Red Crossbill																0	0
White-winged Crossbill																0	0
Common Redpoll																0	2
Pine Siskin	3 hc															3	16
American Goldfinch	107	121	237	141	130	152	170	174	138	140	88	312	220	454	36	2620	10181
Evening Grosbeak																0	1
House Sparrow	223	1456	1260	277	28	111	139	240	205	77	372	346	277	325	3	5361	29683
Eurasian Tree Sparrow				3			5					130				138	1631
Swan sp								4								4	4
scaup sp.	15	1														16	16
Merganser sp	3															3	45
duck sp	18	9														27	45
Accipiter sp																0	10
hawk, sp.		5										4				9	14
Large owl, sp																0	2
gull, sp.	1	2														3	86
meadowlark sp	1	1														2	4
blackbird, sp.	2154	4		969251		500					200					972109	976922
Egyptian Goose (exotic)																0	2
Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser			1													1	1
Dark-eyed Junco X White-crowned Sparrow								1								1	1
Budgerigar (exotic)																0	1
																0	0
Total Species	102	76	106	89	107	99	46	94	89	104	81	83	111	106	64	144	167
Total Individuals	36447	12827	127790	1001546	44962	83058	3967	66803	54884	48215	12848	37424	1441868	91186	3710	3062986	3794196

Drawing of a Northern Shrike by Michael L. P. Retter.

Field Notes

The 2006/2007 Winter Season

by Kelly J. McKay

The winter of 2006-2007 showed widely fluctuating temperatures ranging from well-above normal to considerably below normal. Precipitation in various forms included several minor events, along with 10 more substantial storms. Avian diversity was high, with 176 species recorded statewide (compare last winter's total of 161 species). In fact, the number of species was among the highest in Illinois in recent winters.

December was ushered in by plummeting temperatures amid a major winter storm on the 1st, dropping 4-12 inches of snow across the northern 2/3 of the state and 2-3 inches of rain and freezing rain across the south. During the latter 2/3 of the month, weather conditions moderated and temperatures remained well above normal. A series of storms moved across Illinois during the last third of the month. The first of these, on 20 December, soaked the northern 2/3 of the state with 0.5-1 inch of rain, followed by a slow-moving storm 21-22 December that dropped another 0.5-1 inch of rain over the entire state. The southern portion of Illinois received an additional 0.25-0.5 inch of rain on 25 December. Minor waves of rain moved across the state from 29-31 Dec.

Extremely mild temperatures and very dry conditions continued through the first third of January. During the middle third, temperatures fluctuated widely, from above normal early to below normal in the middle of the period to near normal by the end. On 11-12 January, light rain turning to ice fell over most of Illinois. A three-day major winter storm occurred 13-15 January. At first, this storm produced fairly heavy rainfall (approximately 1 inch in the south and a little less in the north). However, as temperatures fell, this turned into a substantial ice storm over much of the state. Heavy rain and ice coated the southern 2/3 of Illinois, while the northern section of the state received heavy ice and 2+ inches of snow. In the aftermath of this storm, light snow continued to fall in the north 16-17 January, and temperatures dropped severely. During the last third of the month, temperatures were slightly to considerably below normal. Another winter storm on 21 January dropped 3-4 inches of snow across northern Illinois, 1-2 inches through the central region, and nearly 0.5 inch of rain over the south. Light snow fell over much of the state on 24 January.

Temperatures remained well below normal during the early half of February, including several days with wind chills of 0 to –30 degrees F. A winter storm on 6 February produced 3-6 inches of snow over the northern half of the state, and up to 3 inches of snow throughout the south. A slow-moving storm on 12-13 February dropped another 4-8 inches of snow across the northern 2/3 of Illinois, and fairly heavy rain and freezing rain throughout the south. During the last half of the month, temperatures moderated to normal or somewhat higher. Another storm on 16 February deposited an additional 2-4 inches of snow across the northern half of the state, along with light rain through the southern half. The final, occurring 24-25 February, produced 0.5-1 inch of rain over the southern half of Illinois, while the northern half of the state received 1 inch of precipitation including rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow. Very little early spring migration was noted in late February.

Five species requiring review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee were reported this season. Photographic records for Gyrfalcon, Black-headed Gull and Say's Phoebe have been reviewed and accepted by the Committee, while records for Burrowing Owl and Great-tailed Grackle are pending review.

WATERFOWL TO DIURNAL RAPTORS.

A total of 33 species of waterfowl were identified including 5 geese, 3 swans, 9 puddle ducks, and 16 diving ducks. Overall, most waterfowl species were less abundant. Greater White-fronted and Canada Geese were more plentiful in the north, while Cackling Geese were reported in greater numbers in the central section of Illinois. Large numbers of Snow Geese were present at traditional southern waterfowl concentration sites, however Canada Goose populations at these locations were considerably reduced. Mute Swans were less abundant statewide, while Trumpeter and Tundra Swans were more numerous.

Puddle ducks showed stable to decreased numbers over last winter, with the sole exception of Gadwall, which increased slightly during the 2006-2007 winter. Populations at traditional southern and central sites were substantially reduced, and no major concentrations of puddle ducks were encountered. Likewise, most diving duck species were also less numerous in 2006-2007.

Ring-necked Pheasant and Northern Bobwhite continued to exhibit declining population trends, with very few bobwhites reeorded in the northern 2/3 of the state. By comparison, the Wild Turkey was reported in greater overall abundance. A single observation of 67 Greater Prairie-Chickens at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area was noteworthy.

Highlights among loons included 7 Red-throated Loons at Illinois Beach State Park and a Pacific Loon in Madison County. Common Loons, however, were limited in both numbers and distribution. Pied-billed and Horned Grebes, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, and Great Blue Herons were all somewhat more numerous, but the only noteworthy concentration among these species was at Rend Lake.

Among the 16 species of diurnal raptors reported (including the American vultures in a provisional return to their former taxonomic position by the American Ornithologists' Union), all occurred in typical to reduced numbers, with the exception of good numbers of American Kestrels. Turkey Vultures occurred in fairly typical numbers, while Black Vultures once again showed decreases throughout the south. Bald Eagle populations were substantially reduced, especially along the Mississippi River and throughout the north. An adult Gyrfalcon was photographed at Livingston County.

RAILS TO WOODPECKERS.

A late Virginia Rail was spotted at Rend Lake 16 December. American Coots were less common this winter and were largely restricted to the southern region. Two of the reports of Sandhill Cranes likely involved early spring migrants.

Two unusual shorebird species were found: a Least Sandpiper in St. Clair County, and three Purple Sandpipers along Lake Michigan. Shorebird numbers were otherwise poor among the usual winter-season species. Killdeer numbers were similar to last winter, but this was still lower than usual. Wilson's Snipe and American Woodcock populations decreased substantially.

An impressive total of 12 species of gulls was reported in Illinois. Ring-billed and Herring Gulls continued their declining wintering population trends, while the other more usual large winter gulls showed modest deviation from last winter's populations and were less numerous overall than during the recent past. The only noteworthy concentrations among these species were 15 Thayer's Gulls at Winthrop Harbor and 40,000 Ring-billed Gulls at Carlyle Lake. The semi-hardy Bonaparte's Gull was more abundant this winter, including a high of 6,000 Bonaparte's Gulls, also at Carlyle Lake. Scarcities among gulls included a Laughing Gull at Illinois Beach State Park, a California Gull on the Mississippi River at Madison County, and three Black-legged Kittiwakes (including one at Baldwin Lake in southern Illinois). A Black-headed Gull at Chicago remained well into March. The sole tern reported was a Forster's at Rend Lake in mid-December.

Counts of Rock Pigeons and Mourning Doves were down, while the Eurasian Collared-Dove population remained fairly stable, although more widespread.

Nine species of owls were identified during the season. Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned, and Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported in fairly typical numbers. Barred, Long-eared, and Short-eared Owls showed slight increases, with a high of 35 Short-eared Owls at St. Clair County. Although still extremely scarce and entirely restricted to the south, 2 Barn Owls were reported at both Arklands Reclamation Area and Carlyle Lake. Snowy Owls were barely reported this winter, although one of the three individuals found was surprisingly far south, in Madison County. A Burrowing Owl at Pyramid State Park was an exceptional find. This was just one of numerous noteworthy sightings from Perry County conservation sites currently threatened by economic development.

Belted Kingfishers were more widespread this winter, particularly in the north. There were no surprises among woodpeckers. Red-headed Woodpeckers continued to exhibit decreasing wintering populations, while the other species showed stable to slightly increased numbers, but with no noteworthy concentrations.

FLYCATCHERS TO WAXWINGS

Eastern Phoebes were found in typical numbers, almost entirely in the south. A Say's Phoebe was reported sporadically over a two-month period at Jasper County. Loggerhead Shrikes were more numerous this winter, but were confined to the south, while Northern Shrikes were widely scattered as singles over the north and central sections of Illinois.

Resident populations of corvids, titmice, and nuthatches were generally stable to increased over last year, with no major concentrations. An early Fish Crow returned to Madison County by late February. Red-breasted Nuthatches had a weak influx while Horned Lark numbers were high, including 1,200 in Adams County. No swallows were reported.

Brown Creepers were widespread. Noteworthy concentrations of Carolina Wrens were found in Massac, Champaign, and Union Counties. Winter Wren populations showed a slight decrease. Three other species of wrens were noted: a single House Wren; 1 Sedge Wren in the south; 4 Marsh Wrens in the south; and a fifth Marsh Wren in northern Illinois into January. Golden-crowned Kinglets showed modest gains in northern and central Illinois, while Ruby-crowned Kinglets were notably less common this season.

Eastern Bluebirds were in excellent numbers statewide, while populations of Hermit Thrushes and American Robins were unimpressive; in particular, no large roosts of American Robins were reported. A female Varied Thrush was documented in Ogle County.

A trend in recent winters of increased records of Gray Catbirds was reversed this season, with only a single individual, in Boone County. Populations of Northern

Mockingbirds were notably healthy statewide, while those of Brown Thrashers were above normal within their limited distribution. American Pipits continued into December in typical small numbers, while the wintering population of Cedar Waxwings was rather weak.

WARBLERS TO WEAVER FINCHES.

Among five species of warblers detected this season, the most unusual by far was an Ovenbird overwintering (through 6 February) in a rural yard south of Charleston in Coles County. Yellow-rumped Warblers appeared in below-average numbers, while a total of eight Pine Warblers (all in southern Illinois) was fairly high. An Orange-crowned Warbler at Chicago beginning late January was unexpected, and 2 Common Yellowthroats were in Union County into late December.

Observers reported 17 species of sparrows. Records overall were fairly routine, although a noteworthy concentration of 965 individuals of 13 species of sparrows was tallied in Massac County on 31 December. Scarce winter sparrows elsewhere included two Spotted Towhees in central Illinois, 19 LeConte's Sparrows at scattered southern locales, and two Chipping Sparrows in central Illinois. Numbers of Dark-eyed Juncos were somewhat lower than last season. Lapland Longspurs appeared in comparatively small numbers, while Snow Bunting populations showed a slight increase, including six individuals reaching southern Illinois.

Northern Cardinal numbers were marginally higher than last winter. Three reports of Indigo Buntings were received, all from the south.

Major concentrations of wintering blackbirds were noted, in particular, at Rend Lake in mid-December – with

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

MC	=	maximum counts from representative areas of the state
*	=	documented observation
m.ob.	=	many observers
:ph	=	photograph(s) submitted
<	=	reported as fall departure
>	=	reported as spring arrival
ad.	=	adult
imm.	=	immature
unk.	=	unknown age/sex
1st/2nd/3rd	=	first/second/third-year plumage
pr.	=	pair
Co(s)	=	County (Counties)
L&D	=	Lock and Dam
R	=	River
L	=	Lake
P	=	Park
CA	=	Conservation Area
Pr.	=	Prairie
FP	=	Forest Preserve
SF&WA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area
SF	=	State Forest
SNA	=	State Natural Area
SP	=	State Park
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge
WA	=	Wildlife Area

Ark.	=	Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co)
Bald.L	=	Baldwin Lake (Randolph Co)
Carl.L	=	Carlyle Lake (Clinton/Fayette Cos)
Chi	=	Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)
Clin.L	=	Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
Crab Or.	=	Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
Hennepin L	=	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
HLCA	=	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JP	=	Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
Chau	=	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
M.Arb.	=	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
Milan Btms	=	Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co)
Mermet L	=	Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
Miss. R	=	Mississippi River (various counties)
Keithsburg NWR	=	Port Louisa NWR, Keithsburg Division (Mercer Co)
Pr.Rdg	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
QC	=	Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island/ Moline area, Rock Island Co)
Rend L	=	Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
Rockfd	=	Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
SRock SP	=	Starved Rock State Park (La Salle Co)
UCCA	=	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana	=	Champaign-Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk.	=	Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)
Winthrop H	=	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

Information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is included when available; no number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter are **CAPITALIZED**. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; see forthcoming IORC reports in this journal for further details.

Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as mapped out in H. David Bohlen's 1978 *Annotated check-list of the birds of Illinois*. Representative high counts from subsections within these regions are included for many species. Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest. The species accounts below follow the taxonomy and nomenclature of the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list of North American Birds*, through its 47th (2006) Supplement.

over one-million Red-winged Blackbirds and over 100,000 Common Grackles – and in Massac County in late December, where 138 Eastern Meadowlarks were tallied. Unusual for winter were three sightings (involving four individuals) of Yellow-headed Blackbirds, including singles in northern Illinois in early December and early February. A Great-tailed Grackle was reported from Madison County in January.

No notable concentrations of finches were observed. Numbers and diversity among irruptive species remained very low to nil. Populations of House Sparrows and Eurasian Tree Sparrows showed little change, although there may be some statewide decline in the former species.

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Winter 2006-2007 Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: **7900**, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS); **6094**, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 3000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 3000, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 28 Dec (LLH); 3000, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 28 Jan (JWE); 1285, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 1235, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, TH); 800, Carl.L, 18 Feb (KAM); 720, L Mattoon (Shelby Co), 28 Jan (EWW); 500, HL, 21 Feb> (FRH); 465, NewtonL (Jasper Co.), 15 Dec (SDB, et al); 425, Marshall Co, 10 Jan (AFS). Increases in north.

Snow Goose

MC: **300,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); **210,000**, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); **60,000**, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 24,351, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 8332, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 8250, HLCA, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 7000, Bald.L, 19 Feb (TJD). Nearly absent in northern Illinois.

Ross's Goose

MC: 25, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 13, Bald.L, 29 Dec (DFS); 4, Havana (Mason Co), 28 Dec (LLH). **Others:** 10, Carl.L, 20 Jan (DMK); 8, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 6, HLCA, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 4, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 3, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 2, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 6 Jan (KAM); 2, Johnson Co., 18 Dec (SDB); Lake Co, 2 Dec (AFS); Macoupin Co, 28 Dec (DFS); Hennepin L, 9-10 Jan (DFS, AFS); Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); HL, 23 Feb> (FRH). ,

Cackling Goose

MC: 500, Woodford Co, 1 Dec (MEF); 200, Bloomington (McLean Co), 2 Dec (MJW); 200, Chau, 6 Jan (KAM); 120, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 105, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 100, Joliet (Will Co), 20 Jan (DFS). **Others:** 96, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 51, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 40, HL, 17 Dec (FRH); 33, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB); 20, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 16 Dec (WCR); 20, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 8, Miss. R (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (*DGW, EAA); 6, Winthrop H, 10 Jan (KAM, JV); 5, L Mattoon (Shelby Co), 28 Jan (EWW); 5, Paradise L (Coles Co), 28 Jan (EWW); 4, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 23 Jan (AGD); 3, Champaign Co, 2 Dec (EJC); 3, QC, 17 Dec (*KJM, SC, m.ob.); 2, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH).

Canada Goose

MC: **30,000**, Fox R (Kendall Co), 26 Jan (DJS); 10,000, L Renwick (Will Co), 20 Jan (CA); 5350, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 3500, HL, 23 Feb (FRH); 3350, Chau, 6 Jan (KAM); 1533, Woodford Co, 17 Jan (MEF). **Others:** 4000, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 11 Feb (DJS); 3800, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS); 2650, Grundy Co, 23 Feb (DFS); 1609, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, DV, m.ob.); 1267, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 1250, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 1020, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT).

Mute Swan

MC: 137, LCal, 10 Feb (WJM); 29, Channahon (Will Co), 18 Feb (DFS). **Others:** 7, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 15-20 Feb (SMF, MAM); 3, Vermilion Co, 3 Jan (SDB); 3, Wayne Co, 22 Feb (RES); 2, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2, HL, 12 Jan (KAM); 2, East Fork L (Richland Co), 11 Feb (CLH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 30, Jackson Co, 13 Jan (RMR, JEM, DK); 15 (8 ad., 7 imm.), Chau, 28 Dec (LLH); 13 (11 ad., 2 imm.), Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (DMK, CAT); 12 (8 ad., 4 imm.), Wabash Co, 9 Jan (RES, CLH). **Others:** 5, Richland Co, 30 Jan (RES, CLH); 4, HL, 10 Dec< (FRH); 3, Champaign Co, 10 Dec (EJC); 3, Miss. R (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (*DGW, EAA); 3 ad., Carl.L, 11 Feb (DMK); 2, L Storey (Knox Co), 7 Dec (PR). Slightly more numerous.

Greater Scaup. IOS Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 10 February 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Tundra Swan

MC: **521**, Miss. R (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (*KJM, DGW, EAA); 98 (80 ad., 18 imm.), Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 14, Jackson Co, 2 Feb (KAM). **Others:** 9, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Dec (DFS); 7, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 7 Jan (AFS); imm., Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (*EWW); imm., Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (DMK, CAT). More common overall.

Wood Duck

MC: 27, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Feb (TJD); 13, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (BLB); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 8, Clin.L, 24 Feb (MJW); 7, Adams Co, 27 Feb (AGD). **Others:** 50, HLCA, 28-29 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 6, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB); 4, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 2, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); Chi, 13 Dec & 17 Jan (GAW); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); QC, 17 Dec (TMu, BL); male, East Fork L (Richland Co), 4 Feb (CLH); HL, 24 Feb> (FRH). Less common, particularly in the south.

Gadwall

MC: **6255**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2405, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, TH); 717, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB, TH); 878, Chau, 5 Jan (RGB, SNB); 700, HL, 17 Dec (FRH); 302, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 270, Channahon (Will Co), 20 Jan (DFS); 140, LCal, 2 Dec (WJM). More numerous.

American Wigeon

MC: 181, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 170, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 138, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 40, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 8, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 7, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 19 Feb (AGD); 2, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS).

American Black Duck

MC: 67, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 61, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 31, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 25, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS); 17, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 14, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 11, Rockfd, 10 Dec (DTW); 9, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS).

Mallard

MC: 23,890, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 17,507, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 8000, Carl.L, 7 Jan (DMK, MS); 1685, Putnam Co, 16 Dec (DFS); 725, LCal, 9 Dec (WJM); 638, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.). **Others:** 3677, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 2320, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 2206, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 1064, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 571, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA). Considerably less numerous, particularly at traditional southern sites.

Blue-winged Teal

2, Buckner (Franklin Co), **13 Jan** (JA, TMo); HL, 10 Dec< (FRH).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 85, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 70, Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (DMK, CAT); 40, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 7 Jan (DMK); 11, Du Page Co, 14 Jan (UWG); 8, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB); 6, LCal, 6 Jan (WJM). Low numbers.

Northern Pintail

MC: 1507, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 500, Carl.L, 11 Feb (DMK, DB); 400, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 118, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, TH); 9 Jan (DFS); 22, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 70, Hennepin L 18 (15 male, 3 female), Chau, 28 Dec (LLH); 9, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC). **Others** (north): 2, Milan Btms, 21 Feb (RDH); Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (*UWG); Lower numbers overall.

Green-winged Teal

MC: 120, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 80, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 65, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 65, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 2 Dec (TJD); 10, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 7, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (central & north): 6, Rockfd, 10 Dec (DTW); 2, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 2, Chau, 23 & 28 Dec (RGB, SNB).

Canvasback

MC: 600, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 519, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 255, Jersey Co, 16 Feb (KAM); 250, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 20 Feb (AGD); 240, HL, 24 Feb (TJD). **Others** (central & north): 68, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 47, Chau, 15 Dec (RGB, SNB); 38, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, DV, m.ob.); 23, Channahon (Will Co), 18 Feb (DFS); 12, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 27 Feb (MJW); 5 males, Chi, 27 Feb (RDH). Slightly less numerous, particularly in the north.

Redhead

MC: 324, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Dec (GAW); 40, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK); 30, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 23 Feb (AGD); 20, Winthrop H, 10 Feb (KAM). **Others:** 12, McHenry Co, 24 Feb (EWW); 8, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 27 Feb (MJW); 5, JP, 21 & 27 Feb (PRC); 4, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 22 Dec (UWG); 3 (2 male, 1 female), L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 3, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); 2, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 2, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 2 males, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM). Scarce in southern Illinois.

Ring-necked Duck

MC: **12,002**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 3500, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 346, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB); 300, Adams Co, 20 Feb (AGD); 150, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS); 125, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (*UWG). **Others:** 3000, Carl.L, 10 Dec (DMK); 900, HL, 25 Feb (FRH); 687, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 500, HLCA, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 89, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 45, LCal, 24 Feb (WJM). More abundant.

Greater Scaup

MC: **7598**, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Dec (GAW)—**record winter high count**; 750, IBSP, 10 Dec (EWW); 530, Wauk., 17 Feb (EWW); 20, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 18, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 22 Feb (MJW). **Others** (away from L Michigan): 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 22 Feb (CLH); 3, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 2, Bald.L, 19 Feb (DMK); Woodford Co, 1 Dec (MEF); male, L&D #16 (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (*KJM, SBH); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 9 Feb (RGB, SNB). Good numbers at L Michigan.

Lesser Scaup

MC: 3100, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 800, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 800, LCal, 24 Feb (WJM); 500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 10 Jan (AGD); 361, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB); 333, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 314, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 300, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 20 Feb (AGD); 120, Bald.L, 19 Feb (DMK). Less numerous overall, but higher numbers in north.

Harlequin Duck

3 (2 male, 1 female), Chi, 25 Dec-28 Feb (SJH, DFS, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter

MC: 5, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 7 Jan (AFS); 3, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Dec (GAW); 3, Zion (Lake Co), 6 Jan (DTW). **Others:** 2, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW, m.ob.); imm., Carl.L, 19 & 22 Dec (*DMK, SDB); female, Miss. R (Madison Co), 17 Feb (JPU).

White-winged Scoter

Chi, 2 Dec (RDH); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 8 Dec (*RGB, SNB); female, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 1 Jan (DFS).

Black Scoter

6 (male & 5 imm/female), lBSP, 6 Jan (SDB, SLD);3 (2 ad. female, 1 imm.), JP, 6 Dec (PRC).

Long-tailed Duck

MC: 25, IBSP, 23 Dec (RDH). **Others:** 3, Chi, 23 Jan (DFS); 2 females, Carl.L, 19 Dec, 13-14 Jan & 27 Jan (*DMK, SDB, MS, KAM, m.ob.); Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 24 Dec (DFS); East Fork L (Richland Co), 29 Jan-28 Feb (CLH).

Bufflehead

MC: 65, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.; 50, Winthrop H, 10 Jan (KAM); 33, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 23, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 15, JP, 25 Dec (PRC). **Others:** 15, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 28 Feb (TJD); 12, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 10, Lake Co, 10 Feb (GAW);

Common Goldeneye

MC: **6009**, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 2500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 19 Jan (AGD); 1666, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 1500, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 1000, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 10 Jan (SMF); 350, L&D #21 (Adams Co), 23 Feb (AGD). **Others:** 461, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 450, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 24 Dec (DFS); 400, Henry (Marshall Co), 24 Feb (DJS); 277, Lake Co, 30 Dec (GAW); 200, LCal, 24 Feb (WJM); 150, HL, 23 Jan (KAM); 140, Chau, 9 Feb (RGB, SNB). More numerous statewide.

Hooded Merganser

MC: 155, Joliet (Will Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 153, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 142, Chau, 1 Feb (RGB, SNB); 60, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 50, Clin.L, 13 Jan (MJW); 40, Carl.L, 10 Dec (DMK); 35, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB, TH); 31 (9 male, 22 female), Wauk., 21 Jan (EWW).

Common Merganser

MC: 1020, Chi, 1 Feb (DFS); 527, Clear L (Mason Co), 19 Jan (RGB, SNB); 400, SRock SP, 18 Feb (DJS); 203, Channahon (Will Co), 18 Feb (DFS); 195, LCal, 6 Jan (WJM); 100, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 80, Carl.L, 19 Feb (DMK).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 1120, Chi, 22 Jan (DFS); 299, JP, 1 Jan (PRC); 174, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Dec (GAW); 40, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK); 15, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 27 Feb (MJW). **Others:** 12, Miss. R (Rock lsland Co), 28 Dec (*BLB); 10, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 4, Chau, 15 Dec (RGB, SNB); 2 (pr.), L&D #17 (Mercer Co), 26 Dec (*TMu, WZ, m.ob.); female, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (*KJM); Channahon (Will Co), 7 Jan (UWG); HL, 17 Jan> (FRH); male, East Fork L (Richland Co), 24 Jan (CLH); SRock SP, 18 Feb (DJS). Fewer reported, but widely distributed.

Ruddy Duck

MC: 270, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 80, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 53, Chau, 28 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 7, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 3, Miss. R (Rock lsland Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 2, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 22 Dec (UWG); 2, Hennepin L, 9 Lan (DFS); LCal, 2 & 9 Dec (WJM); ad., Wauk., 20 Jan (EWW).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 95, Sibley Habitat Area (Ford Co), 19 Feb (SDB); 95, Livingston Co (one location), 19 Feb (SDB); 16, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 22 Dec (KJM, JB, SB). **Others:** 3, Carroll Co, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); male, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); female, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 11 Feb (UWG).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

67, Pr.Rdg, 16 Feb (RES:ph, SAS)—the only reporting site.

Wild Turkey

MC: 110, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 100, Boone Co, 12-13 Jan (AEB); 87, Rock lsland & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RN, EAA); 67, Rockport (Pike Co), 7 Feb (AGD); 62, Edwards Co, 12 Feb (RES); 44, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, WAB). **Others:** 51, Miss. R (Alexander Co), 13 Jan (RMR); 50, HL, 1 & 28 Feb (FRH); 45, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 41, Grand Detour (Ogle Co), 25 Feb (DTW); 40, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 34, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 23 Dec (SDB); 30, Carl.L, 11 Feb (DMK); 27, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 25, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 16, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 25 Feb (DTW); 3, Urbana, all winter (BGS, m.ob.); Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec & 13 Jan (UWG). Increased numbers.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, DFS); 17, Jasper Co, 20 Feb (RES). **Others:** 11, Edwards Co, 14 Jan (RES); 6, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK, CPA, DR); 3, Logan Co, 23 Feb (DFS); Rock lsland Co, 20 Dec (KJM); Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Adams Co, 5 Jan (AGD); HL, 18 Feb (FRH). Continued decline, especially in northern and central lllinois.

Gray Partridge

7, Stephenson Co. 16 Dec (RB). Only report.

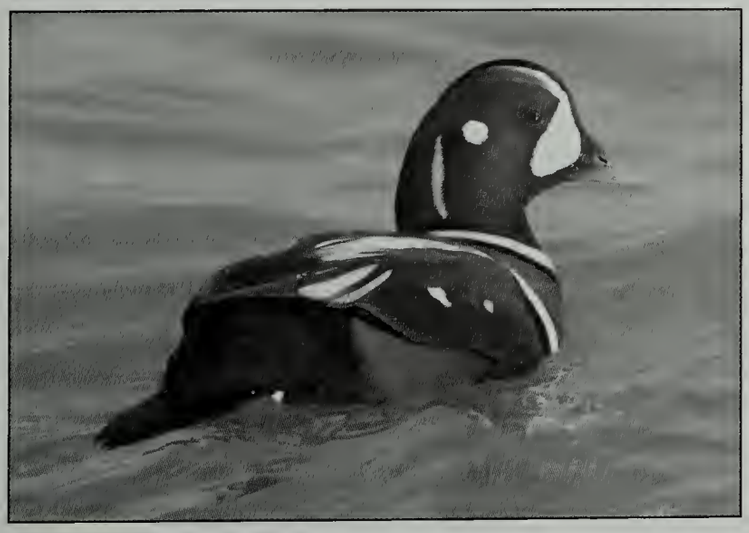
Red-throated Loon

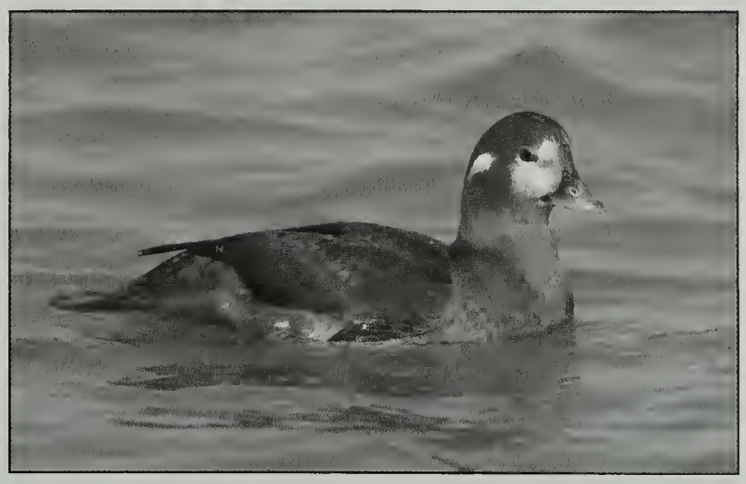
MC: **7** (6 ad., 1 unk.), lBSP, 1 Jan (EWW, *GAW, CLW, m.ob.). **Others:** ad., Chi, 13 Dec (RDH).

PACIFIC LOON

HL, 22 Jan (JPZ, FRH).

Male Harlequin Duck. North AvenueBeach, Cook County. 18 January 2007. Photo by Emil Martinec.





Female Harlequin Duck. North Avenue Beach, Cook County. 18 Janaury 2007. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Above left: Adult Bald Eagle with fish at Lock and Dam No. 18, Henderson County. 21 February 2007.

Above right: Two immature Bald Eagles at Lock and Dam No. 18, Henderson County. 21 Feburary 2007. Photos by Emil Martinec.

Left: Double-crested Cormorant. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 10 December 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Common Loon

MC: 4, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK). **Others:** 2, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Pulaski Co (OhioR), 18 Dec (SDB). No other reports.

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 53, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 41, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 4, Joliet (Will Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 3, Clin.L, 13 Jan (MJW). **Others:** 20, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 15 Dec (SDB, et al.); 20, Carl.L, 1-2 Dec (DMK); 17, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 14, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2, LCal, 2 Dec (WJM); JP, 6 Dec (PRC); Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 10 Jan (AGD); Du Page Co, 14 Jan (UWG).

Horned Grebe

MC: 26, Rend L, 29 Dec (DFS); 20, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 12, Bald.L, 19 Feb (DMK); 2, Evanston (Cook Co), 25 Dec (AFS); Whalon L FP (Will Co), 7 Jan (UWG). Ones and twos at a few other sites in southern Illinois Increased numbers.

Eared Grebe

Adams Co, 16 Dec (*AGD); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM).

American White Pelican

MC: **600**, Miss. R (Madison Co), 6 Jan & 24 Feb (JWE); 150, Stump L (Jersey Co), 16 Feb (KAM); 110, Randolph Co, 28 Feb (TJD); 100, Calhoun Co, 16 Dec (WCR); 6, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Feb (KJM). **Others** (central & north)**:** Hennepin L, 28 Dec (UWG); Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 29 Dec (AGD).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: **4025**, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 35, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 16, Joliet (Will Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 13, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.). **Others:** 7, Wauk., 7 Jan (DTW); 6, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW). No reports from central Illinois.

Great Blue Heron

MC: 150, Milan Btms, 21 Feb (BLB); 42, Adams Co, 10 Feb (AGD); 41, Chau, 28 Dec (RGB, SNB); 26, Carl.L, 19 Dec (KAM, VMK); 20, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 17, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 14, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Jan (DFS). More numerous statewide.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Chi, 13 Dec (GAW); imm., LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); ad., UCCA, 30 Dec (*KJM); imm., JP, 5-6 Jan (KMC, PRC).

Black Vulture

MC: 28, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.). **Others:** 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 49, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 46, Edwards Co, 23 Jan (RES); 44 & 43, Vermilion Co, 2 & 3 Jan resp (SDB & SDB & m.ob. resp); 37, L Sara (Effingham Co), 27 Jan (EWW). **Others** (outside southern Illinois)**:** Chau, 26 Jan (RGB, SNB); Pittsfield (Pike Co), 1 Feb (AGD); Clin.L, 24 Feb (MJW).

Bald Eagle

MC: **770**, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 17 Feb (UWG); 225 (135 ad., 60 imm., 30 unk.), Miss. R (Adams Co), 16 Feb (AGD); 208 (127 ad., 65 imm., 16 unk.), Miss. R (Mercer Co), 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 104, SRock SP, 18 Feb (DJS); 67, Madison Co, 5 Feb (KAM); 53, Jersey Co, 16 Feb (KAM). **Others:** 42, Rock R (Ogle Co), 18 Feb (AFS); 37 (17 ad., 20 imm.), Chau, 15 Dec (RGB, SNB); 29, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 9 (2 ad., 7 imm.), UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 7 (1 ad., 6 imm.), Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 2 Jan (CA); 7 (1 ad., 6 imm.), HLCA, 13 Jan (RMR); 5, Carl.L,

Cooper's Hawk. Zion, Lake County. New Year's Day 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

3 Dee & 7 Jan (DMK, MS); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 5 (3 ad., 2 imm.), McDonough Co, 16 Dee (LLH); 5 ad., Ohio R (Massac Co), 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 4, East Fork L (Rich-land Co), 16 Dec (CLH); 2, Kishwaukee R (Boone Co), all winter (AEB); 2 (pr.), LCal, 9 Dec-10 Feb (WJM); 2, Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), 17 Feb (AFS); Urbana, 4 Feb (DLT); imm., Marengo (McHenry Co), 28 Feb (DTW). Widely distributed, but fewer birds overall in the north.

Northern Harrier

MC: **116**, Pulaski Co (roost), 17 Dec (SDB); **61**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 26, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 15, Jasper Co, 16 Feb (RES); 12, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 22 Dec (MJW); 6, Goose L Pr. SNA (Grundy Co), 22 Dec (MJW); 4, Woodford Co, 25 Feb (MJW). **Others** (central & north): 4, Hennepin L, 20 Jan (DJS); 3, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (WAB); 3, Chau, 11 & 26 Jan & 1 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Banner Marsh (Peoria & Fulton Cos), 10 Feb (MJW). Widespread as ones and twos.

Male American Kestrel. South Farms, Urbana, Champaign County. December 2006. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 5, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** 2, Carl.L, 27 Dec (DMK); 2, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 2, Rend L, 18 Feb (KAM); M.Arb., 9 Dec (UWG). Widespread as singlcs elsewhere.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 4, La Salle & Grundy Cos, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 4, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 3, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2 (1 ad. male, 1 imm. male), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 11 Dec (LLH); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). Scattered ones and twos elsewhere; few reports from central Illinois.

Northern Goshawk

imm., Urbana, all winter (BGS); imm., Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (*KJM); imm., Perdueville Pheasant Habitat Area (Ford Co), 14 Jan (SDB).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: **24**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 9, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 3, Coles Co, all winter (LBH, GC, RCF); 2, Shirland (Winnebago Co), 1 Feb (DTW). **Others** (central & north): Willowbrook (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); ad., Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 24 Dec (EWW); Chau, 28 Dec (RGB, SNB); Urbana, 6 Feb (GSL); Wilmette (Cook Co), 10 Feb (GAW).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 34, Woodford & McLean Cos, 3 Dec (MEF); 34, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (WZ, m.ob.); 32, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, Carl.L, 2 Jan (DMK, MS); 29, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 25, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 23, La Salle & Grundy Cos, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 20, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 20, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 11 Feb (UWG). **Others:** ìHarlan's Hawkî (2), HL, 19 Dec (FRH); dark morph, Byron (Ogle Co), 28 Jan (DTW); Krider's Hawk, Cypress Creek NWR, 17 Dec (SDB); dark (northwest rufous) morph, Urbana (5th + winter here), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL);

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 5, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 11 Feb (UWG); 4, Woodford Co, 25 Jan-25 Feb (MEF); 4, Banner Marsh (Peoria & Fulton Cos), 10 Feb (MJW); 3, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 19 Dec (DGW, EAA, KJM); 2, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 2 (light morph), Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jan (EWW). Widely distributed in small numbers, mostly in northern half of state.

Golden Eagle

MC: 2 ad., Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 3 Feb (JWE). **Others:** imm., Miller-Anderson Woods P (Putnam Co), 16 Dec (*DFS); imm., Illinois R (Calhoun Co), 16 Dec (*WCR); ad., Coles Co, 22 Jan (ML); imm., Carl.L, 25 Feb (*DMK).

American Kestrel

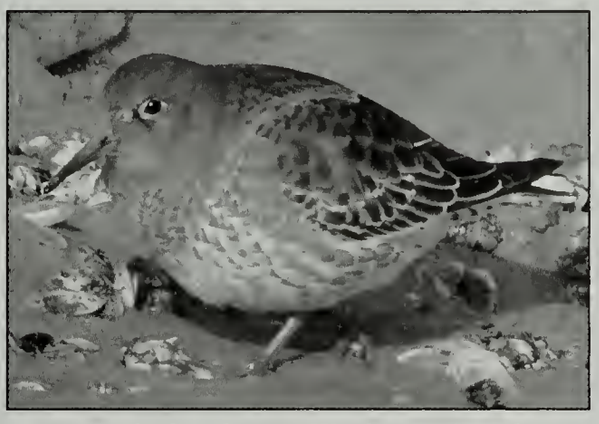
MC: **44**, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 25, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 23, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (CMn, JMn); 21, Menard Co, 28 Dec (DFS); 18, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 20 Dec (RN, EAA, KJM); 17, Carl.L, 19 Dec (KAM, VMK). Healthy numbers statewide.

Merlin

Chi, 15 Dec & 12 Jan (RDH); Rockfd, 16 Dec (DTW); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); male, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS). Less numerous this season.

GYRFALCON

ad. (gray morph), Livingston Co (THu:ph, *DFS).



Purple Sandpiper. Waukegan Beach, Lake County January 2007. Photo by Carolyn Fields.

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec & 3 Feb (JPU); 2, Hyde Park, Chi, 21 Jan (KMC). **Others:** Urbana, all winter (EJC, m.ob.); ad., LCal, 30 Dec & 13 Jan (WJM); Normal (McLean Co), 2 Jan-28 Feb (MJW); ad., Chi, 20 Jan (DTW); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 1-8 Feb (KAM); Rock Island (Rock Island Co), 20 Feb (MAM); Clin.L, 24 Feb (MJW).

Virginia Rail

One record: Rend L, 16 Dec (*KAM).

American Coot

MC: **8000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 500, HL, 2 Feb (KAM); 383, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 165, East Fork L (Richland Co), 27 Jan (EWW); 44, Wauk., 20 Jan (EWW); 31, JP, 5 Dec (PRC); 25, Chi, 5 Jan (DFS); 23, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 6, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (UWG); 3, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 2, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, BL, DV). Largely restricted to the southern third of the state.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 17, Jasper Co, 26 Feb (RES). **Others:** 7, Marengo (McHenry Co), 28 Feb (DTW); 7, Pulaski Co (on ground), 17 Dec (SDB).

Killdeer

MC: 52, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 15, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Feb (TJD); 12, Carl.L, 24-25 Feb (DMK); 7, Pulaski Co, 18 Dec (SDB); 2, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (UWG). A few additional reports of 1-7 birds at southern sites. No reports from central Illinois.

LEAST SANDPIPER

Peabody River King WA (St. Clair Co), 14 Dec (*TJD).

Purple Sandpiper

MC: **2**, Chi, 22 Dec (*TBL). **Others:** Wauk., 19 Dec-13 Jan (MAM, *DMK, TAM, DJS, m.ob.).

Wilson's Snipe
MC: 4, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (TMu, WZ, m.ob.); 4, Winnebago Co, 3 Feb (DTW); 3, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 3, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 2, Adams Co, 31 Jan (AGD). Ones and twos at scattered additional sites. Less numerous.

American Woodcock
MC: 5, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Feb (TJD); 4 & 3 (displaying), Cache River SNA (Pulaski Co), 17 & 18 Dec resp (SDB). **Others:** Carl.L, 22 Dec (DMK); Edwards Co, 22 Feb (RES). The few reports were confined to the south.

LAUGHING GULL
1st, IBSP, 1 Jan (*EWW, *GAW, m.ob.).

BLACK-HEADED GULL
ad., Montrose Harbor, Chi, 28 Feb thru 25 March (RDH, *GAW:photos, *WJM, m.ob.). See article and more photos this issue.

Laughing Gull. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 1 Jan 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Great Black-backed Gull. IOS Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County 10 Feburary 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Bonaparte's Gull
MC: 6000, Carl.L, 1 & 3 Dec (DMK); 700, L Springfield (Sangamon Co), 28 Dec (DFS); 290, Rend L, 29 Dec (DFS); 176, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 26, Chau, 5 Jan (RGB, SNB); 65, Bald.L, 19 Feb (TJD). More numerous.

Ring-billed Gull
MC: 40,000, Carl.L, 2 Jan (DMK, MS); 8000, East Alton (Madison Co), 5 Feb (KAM); 2077, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 1039, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 800, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 600, LCal, 2 Dec (WJM); 566, Chi, 27 Dec (GAW); 178, Miss. R (Mercer Co), 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 110, Clear L (Mason Co), 19 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others** (far southern Illinois)**:** 144, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 74, Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (DMK, CAT); 18, Miss. R (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 2, Ohio R (Massac Co), 31 Dec (KJM, JEM). Widely distributed, but less abundant overall.

CALIFORNIA GULL
ad., East Alton (**Madison Co**), 4-16 Feb (*WCR, FRH, KAM)—the only report.

Herring Gull
MC: 2200, SRock SP, 24 Feb (DFS); 2000, Winthrop H, 10 Jan (KAM, JV); 1000, East Alton (Madison Co), 5 Feb (KAM); 725, LCal, 3 Feb (WJM); 200, Carl.L, 10 Dec & 24 Feb (DMK); 200, Bald.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 127, Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 19 Dec (KJM); 3, Chau, 15 Dec (RGB, SNB). Lower numbers outside southern Illinois.

Thayer's Gull
MC: 15 (6 ad., 6 1st, 2 2nd, 1 3rd), Winthrop H, 10 Feb (GAW); 10 (8 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), Wauk., 16 Dec (RDH); 6 (2 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd, 2 unk.), Miss. R (Madison Co), 4-25 Feb (WCR, m.ob.); 4 (3 ad., 1 1st), SRock SP, 24 Feb (DFS, FMS); 4 (3 ad., 1 1st), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 27-28 Feb (SMF). **Others** (south & central)**:** 1st, Carl.L, 27 Dec & 1 Jan (DMK, MS); L&D #21 (Adams Co), 24 Jan & 19 Feb (*AGD). Good numbers.

Iceland Gull
MC: 7 (3 ad., 3 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 10 Feb (GAW, m.ob.). **Others:** ad. (iKumlien's), LCal, 2 Dec & 3-10 Feb (WJM); ad. (iKumlien'sî), Winthrop H, 1 & 20 Jan (EWW); 2nd, L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 16 Jan-27 Feb (SMF); ad., Chi, 24 Jan (RDH); 1st, Miss. R (Madison Co), 17 Feb (JPU); ad., SRock SP, 24 Feb (DFS, FMS).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
MC: 7 (5 ad., 2 2nd), Miss. R (Madison Co), 11 Feb (JWE); 4 (2 ad., 2 1st), Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 10 Feb (GAW); 2 (1 1st, 1 3rd), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF). **Others** (south & central)**:** ad., Rend L, 11 Dec (KAM); ad., Kane Co, 16 Dec (AFS).

Glaucous Gull
MC: 3, Miss. R (Madison Co), 5 Feb (FRH:ph); 3, Winthrop H, 10 Feb (UWG). **Others:** ad., LCal, 29 Dec & 3 Feb (WJM); 1st, Chi, 8 Jan (DFS); ad., Oregon (Ogle Co), 28 Jan (DTW); 3rd, Chi, 1 Feb (RDH); 2nd, Winthrop H, 10 Feb (GAW); ad., L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 20 Feb (MAM); 1st, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 25 & 28 Feb (SMF).

Great Black-backed Gull
MC: 6 (3 1st, 2 3rd, 1 unk.), Miss. R (Madison Co), 4-25 Feb (WCR, m.ob.); 3 (2 ad., 1 1st), LCal, 3 Feb (WJM); 3 (1 2nd, 2 3rd), Winthrop H, 10 Feb (KAM, m.ob.). **Others:** 2 ad., Ottawa (La Salle Co), 18 Feb (DJS, JEH, m.ob.); 1st, Kane Co, 16 Dec (AFS); ad., IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 1st, Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 11 Jan (SMF); ad., Chi, 26 Jan (DFS).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE
MC: 2 (1st), Lake Forest (Lake Co), 30 Dec (GAW). **Others:** 1st, Bald.L, 17-20 Feb (PL, DMK, KAM, CAT, MRK).

FORSTER'S TERN
Rend L, 16 Dec (*KAM).

Rock Pigeon
MC: 876, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 22 Dec (JB, SB, m.ob.); 535, Cook Co, 2 Dec (DFS); 430, Ogle Co, 13 Jan (DFS); 386, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, DV, m.ob.); 80, Carl.L, 13 Jan (DMK); 37, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).

Eurasian Collared-Dove
MC: 41, Putnam (Putnam Co), 24 Dec (*EWW, DFS); 35, Macoupin Co, 28 Dec (DFS); 34, Farmer City (Mason Co), 23 Dec (LLH); 12, Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); 8, Carl.L, 27 Jan (DMK). **Others:** 6, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 6, Boone Co, 17 Jan & 23 Feb (DTW); 4, Cutler (Perry Co), 25 Dee (KJM); 3, Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (*KJM); 2, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 2, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH); 2, Geneseo (Henry Co), 13 Jan (SBH); 2, Ipava (Fulton Co), 12 Feb (KAM); 2, Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 23 Feb (DMK); Centralia (Marion Co), 11 Dec (KAM); Madison Co, 3 & 12 Jan (FRH). Slightly more widespread outside central Illinois.

Mourning Dove
MC: 550, Carl.L, 1 Jan (DMK, MS); 516, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 295, Logan Co, 9 Dec (DFS); 180, Seward (Winnebago Co), 21 Jan (DTW); 80, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 36, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 17 Feb (LLH). Less common in the north and central, but greater numbers in the south.

Monk Parakeet
MC: 102, Burnham (Cook Co), 18 Feb (WJM). **Others:** 47, JP, 25 Dec (PRC); 30, Blue Island (Cook Co), 16 Jan (WJM); 7, Chi, 20 Jan (GAW). Reported only from the Chicago area.

Barn Owl

MC: 2, Ark., 25 Dec (*TH, KJM); 2 (pr.), Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK). **Others:** female (road-kill), Summerfield (St. Clair Co), 2 Jan (DMK); Breese (Clinton Co), 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); Pr.Rdg, 6 Feb (RES). More reports this winter, north to Jasper Co.

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 13, Vermilion Co, 3 Jan (SDB); 12, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 9, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 7, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 6, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 6, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 5, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 4, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK). Additional scattered reports to three birds. Typical numbers.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 26, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, WAB); 11, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RN, EAA); 10, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM); 10, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 5, Carl.L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 4, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC). Numbers similar to last winter.

Snowy Owl

Flanagan (Livingston Co), 21 & 23 Dec, 6 Jan & 4 Feb (MJW, DJS, DMK, TAM, m.ob.); road-killed individual, Madison Co, 1-2 Jan (FRH:ph, CJL, KAM); imm, Ashton (Lee Co), Feb (fide:ph SDB).

[BURROWING OWL: Perry Co, 25 & 28 Dec, 1 Jan.]

Barred Owl

MC: 20, Johnson & Pulaski Cos., 18 Dec (SDB); 15, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 14, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 9, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 7, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 7, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 6, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). **Others** (central & north): 2, Carroll Co, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 11, Carl.L, 1 Jan (DMK, MS); 4, Midewin National Tallgrass Pr. (Will Co), 24 Feb (CA); 3, Woodford Co, 12 Dec-17 Feb (MEF); 3, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 20 Jan (DTW). **Others:** 2, Urbana, 16 Dec (SDB,GL); 2, Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co), 3 Jan (MJE, VB); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 23 Dec (SDB); Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 35, Peabody River King WA (St. Clair Co), 28 Feb (TUM); 29, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 16, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 11 Feb (MAM); 12, Pr.Rdg, 16 Feb (RES, SAS); 9, La Salle & Grundy Cos, 4 Feb (DJS); 8, Pulaski Co, 17 Dec (SDB); 6, Cass/Morgan Cos, 14 Dec (SDB, MW, m.ob.); 4+ Rollins Savanna FP, winter season (SDB); 4, Sibley Habitat Area (Ford Co), 14 Jan (SDB). More numerous and widely distributed.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 3, Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co), 2-3 Jan (MJE, VB, SDB); 2, Carl.L, 15 & 27 Jan, 10 & 19 Feb (DMK, CPA, JWE). **Others:** Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 2 Jan (SDB); Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); M.Arb., 7 & 27 Jan (WJM, CA, TB, SF, m.ob.).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 23, Vermilion Co, 3 Jan (SDB, m.ob.); 7, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 6, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (TMu, WZ, m.ob.); 5, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 4, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 4, Rock R (Whiteside Co), 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 4, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Dec (DFS).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 71, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 52, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 28, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); 27, Johnson &

Two Long-eared Owls, northeastern Illinois. January 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Long-eared Owl. South Farms, Urbana, Champaign County. December 2006. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Below: Short-eared Owl at Bartel Grasslands, Cook County. 13 December 2006. Photos by Emil Martinec.

Northern Shrike. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 10 December 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Northern Shrike. Old School Forest Preserve, Lake County. 20 January 2007. Photo by Carolyn Fields.

Pulaski Cos, 18 Dec (SDB);12, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 5, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, KJM). **Others:** 11, Carl.L, 19 Dec (KAM, VMK); 11, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 8, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 80, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 68, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 65, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 50, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 46, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 35, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 33, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 32, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 31, Rock R (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 29, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 13, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 9, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 3, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 3, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 2, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 28 Jan (DTW).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 122, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 71, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 68, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 47, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 43, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 41, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 29, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 28, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 21, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 20, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 10, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.). Somewhat larger numbers.

Northern Flicker

MC: 38, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 30, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 29, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 26, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM); 24, Goose L Pr. SNA (Grundy Co), 22 Dec (MJW).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 13, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 11, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH); 10, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB, VMK, KJM, BT); 9, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (TMu, WZ, m.ob.); 9, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 7, Winnebago Co, 16 Feb (DTW); 3, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 3, Union Co, 30 Dec (DMK, CAT, KJM); 2, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL). **Others:** Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); McLean Co, 24 Dec (TEB); Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH).

SAY'S PHOEBE

Pr.Rdg, 8 Dec-7 Feb (RES:ph, KAM, CJL, m.ob.).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 5, Edwards Co, 28 Dec (RES); 4, Marion Co, 22 Feb (RES); 3, Carl.L, 19 Dec (KAM, VMK). **Others:** 2, Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); 2, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 20 Jan (MAM); Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH). Reports confined to the south.

Northern Shrike

Rockfd, 2 Dec (DTW); Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 9 Dec & 20 Jan (AFS); imm., IBSP, 10 Dec (EWW); Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); Woodford Co, 14 Dec-31 Jan (MEF); De Kalb Co, 16 Dec (DJS, KJ); Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 18 Dec (*AC); Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (RN, EAA); LCal, 24 & 29 Dec, 20 Jan (WJM); Capron (Boone Co), 6 Jan (DTW); Goose L Pr. SNA (Grundy Co), 7 Jan (AFS); Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 15 Feb (MAM); Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 20-21 Feb (DTW). Slightly wider distribution than last winter.

Blue Jay

MC: 148, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 120, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 107, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 99, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 71, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 62, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 39, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 22, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 23 Dec (EWW).

American Crow

MC: 89,000, Danville (Vermilion Co), 3 Jan (MJE, VB); 3500, Rockfd, 23 Dec (DTW); 500, HL, 23 Jan (KAM); 342, Crest Hill (Will Co), 4 Jan (CA); 317, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 280, JP, 22 Feb (PRC); 202, Putnam Co, 10 Dec (DJS); 200, Carl.L, 13 Jan (DMK); 144, Chi, 4 Feb (DFS); 104, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 100, St. Clair Co, 27 Dec (KAM); 100, McLean Co, 10 Jan (KAM); 98, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH). Larger numbers reported.

FISH CROW

HL, **27 Feb** (FRH)—the only report.

Horned Lark

MC: 1200, Meyer (Adams Co), 8 Dec (AGD); 650, Winnebago & Ogle Cos, 2 Dec (DTW); 460, Livingston Co, 9 Dec (DFS); 303, De Kalb & Kane Cos, 8 Feb (DJS); 300, Carl.L, 7 Jan (DMK, MS); 164, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM). **Others:** 300, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 3 Feb (DTW); 266, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 10 Dec (DJS); 200, McLean Co, 16 Jan (AC); 158, Boone Co, 24 Feb (EWW); 133, Geneseo (Henry Co), 2 Dec (SBH); 58, Randolph Co, 18 Feb (KAM); 51, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 2 Feb (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 149, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 90, Jaekson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 79, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 73, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC). **Others:** 75, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 41, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 41, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 28, Carl.L, 2 Jan (DMK, MS); 25, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 185, QC, 17 Dee (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 141, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 135, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS);

80, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH). **Others** (away from northwestern quarter of state): 48, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS); 38, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); Urbana, 16 Dec (EJC); Madison Co, 4 & 24 Jan (FRH).

American Robin. Morton Arboretum, DuPage County. 28 January 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 95, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 62, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 34, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 26, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 26, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (KJM); 22, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS). **Others** (northeastern Illinois): 3, Boone Co, all winter (AEB); 2, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (UWG).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 7, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 7 Jan (DFS); 4, Rock R (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 4, M.Arb., 27 Jan (WJM, CA, TB, SF, m.ob.). **Others** (central Illinois): 2, Big R SF (Henderson Co), 26 Dec (WAB); Urbana, 8 Dec (EJC). Maxima to 2 at a few additional northern sites; no reports from the south.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 113, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 111, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 72, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, BL, m.ob.); 53, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 46, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 40, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 15, Woodford Co, 27 Dec (MEF); 15, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS); 14, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 6, Boone Co, all winter (AEB). Reported in good numbers.

Varied Thrush, reported for the Great Backyard Bird Count, Rochelle, Illinois. Photos sent to Steven D. Bailey by observer. Mid-February 2007.

Brown Creeper

MC: **42**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); **33**, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 27, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); 21, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 20, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (KJM); 10, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). Increased numbers statewide.

Carolina Wren

MC: **117**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); **55**, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); **49**, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); **48**, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 23, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 22, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 9, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 8, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 5, Ogle Co, 23 Dec (EWW); 3, Wauk., 6 Jan (DTW). More numerous statewide.

House Wren

HL, **2 Jan**< (FRH)—the only report.

Winter Wren

MC: 13, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH); 7, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 6, Union Co, 30 Dec (DMK, CAT, m.ob.); 3, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 3, Urbana, 17 Dec (BGS); 2, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (north): IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW); Will Co, 7 Jan (UWG); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 21 Jan (UWG); Brookfield Zoo (Cook Co), 21 Jan & 11 Feb (NPB, RCR).

SEDGE WREN – UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

Marsh Wren

2, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 20 Jan (TJD); Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (DMK, SDB); Mermet L, 31 Dec (*KJM); IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 39, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 35, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 12, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 12, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 11, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 8, Mercer & Henderson Cos, 26 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 7, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW). More widespread in slightly increased numbers.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 7, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 3, QC, 17 Dec (*KR, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): Kankakee Co, 10 Dec< (AFS); McDonough Co, 16 Dec (LLH). Small numbers; ones and twos at other southern sites.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: **199**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); **134**, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 82, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 49, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 46, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 34, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Dec (DFS). **Others:** 61, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 44, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 38, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 31, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 26, Carroll Co, 19 Dec (KJM); 22, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 22, Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); 18, Boone Co, 7 Jan (AEB); 12, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 12, Adams Co, 20 Feb (AGD); 10, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 13 Jan (UWG); 9, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 8, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS). Much more numerous and widespread.

Hermit Thrush

MC: 9, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 9, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 7, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 5, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 2, JP, 10 Dec (PRC); 2, Carroll Co, 19 Dec (KJM). **Others** (central & north): M.Arb., 24 Dec (UWG); JP, 1 Jan (PRC); Middle Fork WA (Vermilion Co), 3 Jan (EJC); Beaubien Woods FP (Cook Co), 11 Jan (DFS); Hyde Park, Chi, 24 Jan (PRC); Kinnikinnick CA (Boone Co), 11 Feb (DTW, AFS). Reduced numbers.

American Robin

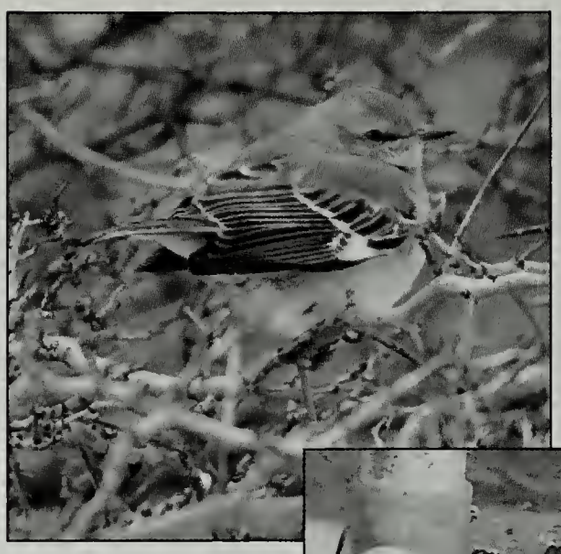
MC: 250, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 215, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 31 Dec (EWW); 191, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 188, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RN, EAA); 187, Cook Co, 25 Dec (DFS); 129, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 120, Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); 65, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC). No major concentrations reported.

VARIED THRUSH

female, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 24 & 26 Feb (*JJ, DTW, DJS).

GRAY CATBIRD
Boone Co, **13-22 Dec** (AEB)—the only report.

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 36, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 10, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (RMR, JEM, DK); 9, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 9, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM). **Others** (central & north): 2, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 6 Jan (KAM); Putnam Co, 16 Dec (DFS); Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM); LCal, 30 Dec & 10 Feb (WJM, MLB); Kankakee Co, 7 Jan (RDH); Quincy (Adams Co), 15 Jan (AGD); Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS); Midewin National Tallgrass Pr. (Will Co), 24 Feb (CA). Increased numbers, widely distributed.



Northern Mockingbird. Lombard, DuPage County. 1 February 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Ovenbird. Coles County. 1 February 2007. Photo by Richard C. Funk. This Ovenbird was seen 8 December 2006 through 6 February 2007. Previous Illinois late date is 1 January 1983.

Brown Thrasher
MC: 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 4, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM). **Others:** 2, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 9-16 Dec (TJD); Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); Carl.L, 1 Jan (DMK); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 2 Jan (RES); Rockfd, 23 Jan-8 Feb (FS, DTW).

European Starling
MC: 10,000, Carl.L, 10 Feb (DMK, JWE); 8000, Pr.Rdg, 15 Jan (DMK); 2690, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 2575, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (CMn, JMn, m.ob.); 2356, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 2000, Du Page Co, 6 Jan (JSA); 1750, Logan Co, 9 Dec (DFS); 1500, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM).

American Pipit
MC: 15, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 10, Richland Co, 2 Dec (CLH); 4, Wabash Co, 22 Dec (RES, CLH). **Others:** 2, Massac Co, 31 Dec (*KJM, JEM); Chi, 4 Dec (RDH); Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM).

Cedar Waxwing
MC: 160, Geneseo (Henry Co), 24 Feb (SBH); 120, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 90, Adams Co, 23 Feb (AGD); 74, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 51, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 50, Antioch (Lake Co), 24 Feb (EWW); 40, Grundy Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 35, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM). Less numerous statewide.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER
Chi, **26 Jan-1 Feb** (*DFS); one (at suet feeder), Belleville (St. Clair Co), Feb. (fide:ph SDB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
MC: 46, Des Plaines R FP (Cook Co), 31 Dec (EWW); 13, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB); 9, Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); 7, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (RMR, JEM, DK, m.ob.); 6, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM). Notably low numbers in southern Illinois.

PINE WARBLER
MC: 4, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), **1 Jan** (KJM, *VL, m.ob.). **Others:** Marion Co, 6 Dec (RES); male, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); female, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); Carl.L, **25 Feb** (DMK). Confined to the south.

OVENBIRD
Coles Co, **8 Dec-6 Feb** (RCF:ph); the departure followed two nights of sub-zero temperatures. Previous Illinois late date is 1 Jan 1983.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT
female, UCCA, **30 Dec** (*KJM); UCCA. **30 Dec** (SDB); the only two individuals.

Spotted Towhee
Heyworth (McLean Co), 6-13 Feb (*KS); Woodford Co, 10 Feb (*JMo).

Eastern Towhee
MC: 22, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (*KJM, *BLB); Urbana, 2 Dec (EJC). One to three at several additional southern sites.

American Tree Sparrow
MC: 326, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS); 207, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 144, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 102, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 18 Feb (KAM); 93, Rend L, 18 Feb (KAM); 41, Woodford Co, 12 Dec (MEF). **Others:** 175, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 13 Jan (DTW); 171, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 108; Kendall Co, 11 Feb (DFS); 82, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); 60, Carl.L, 3 Feb (DMK); 29, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.). Slightly more numerous in the south; lower numbers elsewhere.

CHIPPING SPARROW
Urbana, **all winter** (EJC); McLean Co, **24 Dec** (AC).

Field Sparrow
MC: 64, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 11, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 11, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (*KJM, SBH); Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS).

Vesper Sparrow
Massac Co, **31 Dec** (*KJM, JEM)—only report.

Savannah Sparrow
MC: 103, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); 21, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 8, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 8, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM). **Others:** 6, Rend L, 18 Feb (KAM); 5, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 3, East Alton (Madison Co), 16 Feb (KAM); 2, Crab Or., 17 Dec (DMK, KAM). Largely confined to the south.

LeConte's Sparrow
MC: 13, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB); 3, Jasper Co, 15 Dec (RES, CLH). **Others:** Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); Crab Or., 17 Dec (KAM, DMK); Bogota (Marion Co), 28 Jan (EWW).

Fox Sparrow
MC: 16, Union Co, 30 Dec (DMK, CAT, m.ob.); 9, M.Arb., 8 Dec (DFS); 9, Pomona (Jackson Co), 2 Feb (RMR); 4, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (TMu, WZ, m.ob.); 4, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, BLB). Additional maxima to 8 in the south and 2 in the north. **Others** (central): Charleston (Coles Co), all winter (LBH); Urbana, 1 Dec (EJC); McDonough Co, 10 Dee (LLH). Widespread in small numbers.

Song Sparrow
MC: 211, Union Co, 30 Dee (DFS, m.ob.); **188**, Massae Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 46, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 45, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 44, Roek Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 8, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). Some increases in the north and south.

Lincoln's Sparrow
Mermet L, **31 Dec** (*KJM)—the only report.

Swamp Sparrow
MC: : 115, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB); **106**, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 82, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 50, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 24, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 9, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): 8, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM); 3, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (UWG); 3, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS); 2, Chi, 27 Jan & 1 Feb (DFS); JP, 6 Jan (PRC).

White-throated Sparrow
MC: 279, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); **252**, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 145, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 88, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 87, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 45, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 11, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 8, Chi, 2 Feb (DFS). Overall, less common this winter, especially in the south.

White-crowned Sparrow
MC: 120, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 60, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 45, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL); 20, Madison Co, 31 Jan (KAM); 20, Dolton (Cook Co), 11 Feb (MAM); 13, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); 12, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM). Good numbers, although less widespread.

Dark-eyed Junco
MC: 773, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 345, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 330, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 292, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 243, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 238, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 147, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 128, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 95, Adams Co, 16 Feb (AGD); 46, Boone Co, 31 Jan (AEB); ìOregonî Junco, Mundelein (Lake Co), 21-22 Jan (SDB, SLD).

Lapland Longspur
MC: 812, De Kalb & Kane Cos, 8 Feb (DJS); 700, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 400, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (DFS); 330, Logan Co, 23 Feb (DFS); 200, Seward (Winnebago Co), 13 Jan (DTW); 65, Farina (Fayette Co), 28 Jan (EWW). **Others:** 300, McLean Co, 16 Jan (AC); 150, Lee Co, 13 Jan (DFS); 120, Winnebago & Ogle Cos, 2 Dec (DTW); 90, Woodford Co, 21 Jan (MJW); 50, Meyer (Adams Co), 24 Jan (AGD); 37, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 20, St. Clair Co, 17 Feb (TJD). Less numerous overall, especially in the south.

Snow Bunting
MC: 55, Boone Co, 18 Jan (AEB); 50, Winnebago & Ogle Cos, 2 Dec (DTW); 20, IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW); 16, Iroquois Co, 10 Feb (AFS); 6, Warren Co, 7 Dec (PR); 5, **Richland Co**, 18 Feb (RES). **Others** (south & central): 5, Champaign Co, 10 Feb (GSL); **Ark.**, 25 Dec (KJM). Although less widely distributed, numbers were slightly greater this season.

Northern Cardinal
MC: 235, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 221, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 211, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 174, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 152, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 145, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 136, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 92, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 72, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 59 (27 males, 32 females), JP, 1 Jan (PRC); 52, Woodford Co, 15 Feb (MEF).

INDIGO BUNTING
2, Mermet L, **31 Dec** (*JEM); Rend L, 16 Dec (*KAM).

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 1,080,000, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK)—**record Illinois high count**; **20,000**, Carl.L, 10 Feb (DMK, JWE); **13,186**, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 9800, I&M Canal (La Salle Co), 1 Jan (DJS, MA); 700, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 111, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 53, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC).

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 138, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 78, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (RMR, JEM, DK, m.ob.); 65, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 30, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB); 2, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 22 Jan (DJS); 2, McLean Co, 11 Feb (MJW). Good numbers in southern Illinois; one additional report outside south: Milan Btms, 28 Dec (*BLB).

Western Meadowlark
MC: 6, Clinton Co, 25 Feb (DMK); 2, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 10 Dec (TJD); 2, Wabash Co, 3 Jan (RES). **Others:** Lyerla L (Union Co), 30 Dec (*KJM).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD
MC: 2 (pr.), Clinton Co, 10 Feb (DMK, JWE). **Others:** ad. male, Winnebago Co, 2 Dec (*MK, DTW); ad. male, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 4 Feb (DJS).

Rusty Blackbird
MC: 571, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 110, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 106, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 20, Wabash Co, 23 Feb (CLH); 4, Woodford Co, 12 Dec (MEF); 4, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). **Others** (central & north): Kankakee Co, 12 Dec (DFS); Grundy Co, 18 Feb (DFS).

Brewer's Blackbird
MC: 80 (65 male, 15 unk.), Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jan (EWW); 28, Clinton Co, 25 Feb (DMK); 17, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 3, Kankakee Co, 3 Dec (AFS). **Others:** HL, 25 Feb> (FRH).

Common Grackle
MC: 101,325, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 12,000, Carl.L, 20 Jan (DMK); 10,027, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2580, La Salle Co, 9 Jan (DFS); 250, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB). **Others** (central & north): 3, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 2, Homer L (Champaign Co), 2 Dec (EJC); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); River Forest (Cook Co), 27 Feb> (JSA). Lower numbers reported this season.

[GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE: Madison Co, 22 Jan.]

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 3000, Summerfield (St. Clair Co), 15 Jan (DMK); 2000, Carl.L, 7 Jan & 10 Feb (DMK, MS, JWE); 400, La Salle Co, 30 Jan (DJS); 200, QC, 1 Feb (KJM); 190, Enterprise (Wayne Co), 27 Jan (EWW); 105, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). **Others** (central & north): 51, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, BLB); 33, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 25, Lee Co, 24 Dec (EWW); 8, Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 5, Grundy Co, 4 Feb (UWG). Less numerous statewide.

Purple Finch
MC: 50, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, BLB); 4, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 12 Feb (KAM, TMn); 3 (2 male, 1 female), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 4-28 Feb (RGB, SNB); 2, Whiteside Co, 19 Dec (KJM). **Others:** 2, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); Woodford Co, 1 Dec (MEF); female, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 2 Dec (AFS); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL). Considerably less abundant and less widespread this season.

House Finch
MC: 70, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 48, Westchester (Cook Co), 17 Feb (DFS); 41, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 39, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 33, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 19 Dec (DGW, EAA, KJM); 24, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 24, Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 9, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). Less numerous, particularly in the south.

Common Redpoll
MC: 2, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (*KJM); 2, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 7 Jan (DTW). **Others:** Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co), 26 Dec-13 Jan (DTW, m.ob.).

Pine Siskin
MC: 2, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB). **Others:** Whiteside Co, 19 Dec (KJM); Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). Very scarce statewide.

American Goldfinch
MC: 217, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 116, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 111, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RN, EAA); 103, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM); 80, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 69, M.Arb., 8 Jan (DFS); 61, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 52, Carl.L, 19 Dec (KAM, VMK); 40, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.).

Eurasian Tree Sparrows. Putnam County. 12 December 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

House Sparrow
MC: 1043, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 485, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 370, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 247, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 20 & 27 Jan (DMK); 161, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 160, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 92, LCal, 30 Dec (WJM, MLB).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 144, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 132, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (CMn, JMn, m.ob.); 127, Logan Co, 23 Feb (DFS); 108, Cass/Morgan Cos (SDB, MW); 49, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH). **Others:** 23, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 23 Feb (AGD); 13, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 6, Putnam Co, 24 Dec (*EWW, *DFS); 2, HL, 23 Jan (KAM); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); Jersey Co, 16 Feb (KAM).

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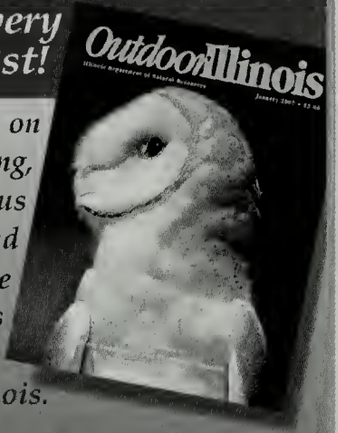

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